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Senator Eklund

A RESOLUTION

Honoring Debevc Farms on one hundred years of viticulture.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 131st General
Assembly of Ohio are pleased to salute Debevc Farms on its One
Hundredth Anniversary of cultivating grapes in the Grand River
Valley, celebrated August 8, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Recognition of this prestigious milestone is a
fitting tribute to Debevc Farms, for it has been growing grapes
for wine production for the past one hundred years. Purchasing a
general fruit farm in 1916, Anton Debevc and his family grew
grapes for juice and jam makers for more than fifty years, but
after the market declined, they switched to wine varietals in 1971
and established Debonne Vineyards the following year to make their
own wines; and

WHEREAS, The dedication of Debevc Farms to the highest ideals
of agricultural stewardship has earned it the respect and
appreciation of the entire community. Today, the 175-acre farm
produces more than 85,000 gallons of wine annually, and we applaud
the operation on its tremendous efforts; and

WHEREAS, Agriculture is the backbone of this state's economy,
and it is truly encouraging to know that the future of Ohio
agriculture lies, to a large extent, in the capable hands of
conscientious individuals such as the members of the Debevc
family. We are certain that in the years to come, Debevc Farms
will continue to carry on in the tradition of excellence that has
become its hallmark; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 131st
General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, applaud
Debevc Farms on one hundred years of viticulture and extend best

wishes for the future; and be it further 28

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly 29

authenticated copy of this Resolution to Debevc Farms. 30