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**Senator Balderson**

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**A RESOLUTION**

Honoring Ethan Kaper as the winner of the 2016 National FFA Agriscience Fair Award in the plant systems category.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 131st General Assembly of Ohio are overjoyed to extend special recognition to Ethan Kaper on receiving the 2016 National FFA Agriscience Fair Award in Division I of the plant systems category; and

WHEREAS, Ethan Kaper is deserving of high praise, for he has demonstrated remarkable diligence and enthusiasm, as well as an unwavering dedication to upholding the goals and principles of the National FFA Organization. A freshman at Liberty Union High School and an active member of its FFA chapter, he has displayed an exceptional willingness to work hard to produce superior results, and consequently, he was presented with this year's Agriscience Fair Award in Division I of the plant systems category; and

WHEREAS, The maturity and experience Ethan Kaper has gained through his participation in FFA will greatly aid him in meeting the challenges of tomorrow. Commencing his agriscience fair project in eighth grade, he won first place at the state FFA convention and maintained his determination to be well-versed on the factors that impact corn germination. Despite his young age, he was one of three students from Ohio in the plant systems division to go to nationals and one of fifteen from across the nation to be recognized in his division, and in winning, he has set an example of excellence that is worthy of emulation; and

WHEREAS, FFA plays a vital role in the total education of young people, for it is through such worthwhile programs that individuals learn the value of hard work and are afforded an

opportunity to develop dynamic leadership skills. It is certainly 26  
encouraging to know that the future of Ohio agriculture lies, to a 27  
large extent, in the capable hands of conscientious individuals 28  
such as Ethan Kaper; therefore be it 29

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 131st 30  
General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, commend 31  
Ethan Kaper for outstanding success and salute him as one of 32  
Ohio's finest young citizens; and be it further 33

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly 34  
authenticated copy of this Resolution to Ethan Kaper. 35