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A RESOLUTION

Recognizing June 2017 as National Dairy Month.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 132nd General Assembly of Ohio are proud to acknowledge June 2017 as National Dairy Month; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting that we pay tribute to Ohio's dairy farm families, who work hard on more than 2,500 farms across the state, and make profound contributions to a network that provides nutritious dairy products that feed the world. During National Dairy Month, we celebrate these fine individuals for their commitment to not only providing fresh, nutritious, real milk and other dairy foods to households but also to preserving our state's natural resources by improving the soil, preventing erosion, and reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Dairy farms have implemented a number of energy efficiency measures and clean energy technologies to reduce cost and waste without compromising the quality of their products, and their dedication to excellence and conservation is deserving of high praise; and

WHEREAS, Through the efforts of Ohio's dairy farm families, more than 5.4 billion pounds of milk are produced each year, and as a result, Ohio has been ranked 11th in the nation in milk production and 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in Swiss cheese, low-fat cottage cheese, and sour cream production, respectively. Dairy production has become a cornerstone of our state's economic foundation, creating more than 2.35 billion dollars in revenue and 14,400 jobs; and

WHEREAS, The continued health and wellness of our children is due, in no small part, to a readily available supply of wholesome dairy products, and the nutrients found in dairy are essential to a balanced diet. All those affiliated with Ohio's dairy industry

are helping to insure that future generations are well-nourished, 29
and they have set an example that is worthy of emulation; 30
therefore be it 31

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 132nd 32
General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, recognize 33
June 2017 as National Dairy Month and urge all citizens to observe 34
the month with appropriate programs and activities; and be it 35
further 36

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit duly 37
authenticated copies of this Resolution to the news media of Ohio. 38