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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