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Commemorating March 19, 2013, as the 40th anniversary of National Ag Day.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 19, 2013

Mr. JOHANNIS (for himself, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. BROWN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. BENNET, Mr. DONNELLY, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. THUNE, and Mr. COONS) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Commemorating March 19, 2013, as the 40th anniversary
of National Ag Day.

Whereas, in 1973, the National Ag Day program was established to increase public awareness of the vital role of agriculture in the United States;

Whereas the agriculture industry is part of the very fabric of the United States, driving the economy, fostering ingenuity, and preserving the deepest values of the people of the United States;

Whereas the average farmer in the United States today feeds nearly 150 people, a dramatic increase from just 25 people per farmer in the 1960s;

Whereas the agriculture industry in the United States produces an incredible variety of meats, grains, fruits, vegetables, dairy, beans, nuts, seeds, and other important foods;

Whereas more than 2,000,000 farmers and ranchers contribute more than \$300,000,000,000 to the United States economy every year; and

Whereas farmers comprise less than 2 percent of the population of the United States, yet produce more than enough food for the people of the United States and hundreds of millions of people around the world: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) recognizes the National Ag Day program
3 for its annual celebration of agriculture in the
4 United States;

5 (2) honors the researchers, entrepreneurs, busi-
6 nesses, and innovators who support farm families in
7 the United States and help drive the agriculture
8 economy; and

9 (3) celebrates family farmers and ranchers, who
10 are the backbone of food production in the United
11 States and produce the safest, most abundant, and
12 most affordable food supply in the world.

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