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**HOUSE
RESOLUTION No. _____**

Introduced by: Gregg

A HOUSE RESOLUTION to urge Governor O'Bannon to designate an upcoming Sunday as: "A State Day of Prayer for Farmers and their Families."

WHEREAS, Agriculture is a big business in Indiana with over \$34 billion worth of assets in land, buildings, equipment and livestock; however, profitability on those investments during the 1990's have averaged less than 2.5% per year; and

WHEREAS, Recent crop harvests have been troubled by weather problems in many localities of the state. The difficult and delayed spring planting, combined with too much rain, local flooding and then dry weather during late summer combined to reduce



potential crop sizes; and

WHEREAS, Corn, soybeans, wheat and hogs compose nearly 75% of Indiana agriculture cash receipts. More efficient production is rewarded with the lowest crop prices of the decade, with soybeans at the lowest price in the past 27 years, and hog prices at the lowest level since the depression years of the 1930's; and

WHEREAS, One-third of Indiana's agriculture market is to foreign countries, and the international economic crisis reduces export demand for Indiana products, causing surpluses to build and prices to continue falling; and

WHEREAS, World events threaten the immediate and long-term future of Indiana's farm families and rural communities. The loss of profitability, increasing debt loads, world competition, low prices, troublesome weather, environmental concerns, governmental regulation and corporate integration are very real and could possibly change the face of American Agriculture which we as consumers have come to know for a reliable, quality and reasonably priced food supply; and

WHEREAS, It is appropriate that we salute the men and women of the State of Indiana who work each day to feed the world.

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*



SECTION 1. That the House of Representatives urges Governor O'Bannon to designate an upcoming Sunday as : "A State Day of Prayer for Farmer's and their Families."

SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the house is directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to Governor O'Bannon and Ed Cardinal.

