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**HOUSE  
RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_**

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A RESOLUTION commemorating the 100th anniversary  
of the founding of the National Farmers Union.

*Whereas, The National Farmers Union (NFU) was  
founded in Point, Texas, in 1902 by Newt Gresham;*

*Whereas, The NFU, originally known as the Farmers  
Educational and Cooperative Union of America, has a  
membership of nearly 300,000 farmers and ranchers  
throughout the United States;*

*Whereas, The NFU consists of 24 state and regional  
Farmers Unions, with the presidents of each of these unions  
serving on the national board of directors;*



*Whereas, Since its beginning, the primary goal of the NFU has been to sustain and strengthen family farm and ranch agriculture;*

*Whereas, The NFU has successfully accomplished this goal through a policy process that includes the presentation of resolutions by Farmers Union members followed by the possible adoption of these resolutions at the local, state, and national levels;*

*Whereas, The Indiana Farmers Union was begun in 1904 by John K. Weinmeister of Washington, Indiana;*

*Whereas, By 1909, Indiana had 150 local Farmers Union chapters and received its first state charter with the NFU on December 6, 1909, in Texarkana, Texas;*

*Whereas, The first Indiana president was W. W. Myers of Wheatland in Knox County; and*

*Whereas, The National Farmers Union will celebrate its 100th anniversary in Irving, Texas, March 1 through 4, 2002: Therefore,*

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

1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives wishes to  
2 acknowledge the 100th anniversary of the National Farmers Union and  
3 to thank its leaders and members for the agricultural advances they  
4 have helped to bring about for the farmers of Indiana and throughout  
5 the nation.

6 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of  
7 Representatives shall transmit a copy of this to National Farmers Union  
8 President Leland Swenson, National Farmers Union Vice President  
9 Alan Bergman, and Indiana Farmers Union President Larry Coomer.

