



2011 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 57

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1 **Relating to:** stating the legislature’s support for farm work.

2 Whereas, the U.S. Department of Labor has proposed new federal regulations
3 that would severely limit the work that youths may perform on farms; and

4 Whereas, among other things, the proposed regulations would prohibit youths
5 from operating most power-driven equipment, working at grain elevators,
6 stockyards, and livestock auctions, and storing, marketing, or transporting farm
7 product raw materials; and

8 Whereas, for generations in our country, teenagers have safely worked at farm
9 jobs that challenge them and instill a strong work ethic, but the proposed regulations
10 would largely end this practice; and

11 Whereas, Kurt and Kyle Weisensel of Edgerton, Wisconsin, are perfect
12 examples of the importance of youth involvement on farms, having raised and shown
13 pigs for years and now running their own pig breeding and raising business at the
14 ages of 17 and 15; and

