

State of Misconsin 2011 - 2012 LEGISLATURE



2011 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 98

January 27, 2012 – Introduced by Representatives Wynn, RIPP, KERKMAN, JACQUE, VRUWINK, A. OTT, BIES, ENDSLEY, BERNIER, PETRYK, RIVARD, NASS, KESTELL and THIESFELDT, cosponsored by Senators HARSDORF, SCHULTZ, GALLOWAY, LASEE and HOLPERIN. Referred to Committee on Rules.

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

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1	Whereas, while the children working on their own parents' farm would be
2	exempted, the proposed regulations ignore the multigenerational tradition of family
3	farming and would still prohibit children from working on their grandparents' or
4	other relatives' farms; and
5	Whereas, today's youth are our nation's future farmers, and they should be
6	encouraged to pursue a career in farming through proper hands-on opportunities to
7	learn and experience work on a farm; now, therefore, be it
8	Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the members of the
9	Wisconsin legislature acknowledge and honor the vital role of the family farm and
10	youth farm labor in Wisconsin's agriculture and economy; and, be it further
11	Resolved, That the members of the Wisconsin legislature stand opposed to the
12	federal Department of Labor's proposed regulations.
13	(END)

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