

House Resolution 817

By: Representative Burns of the 159th

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating Ben and Julie Anna Boyd upon being honored with the 2017 National
2 Outstanding Young Farmer Award; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, every year, the National Outstanding Young Farmers select a group of finalists
4 based on their progress in an agricultural career, extent of soil and water conservation
5 practices, and contributions to the well-being of the community, state, and nation; and

6 WHEREAS, Ben and Julie Anna Boyd are among the winners of the 61st annual National
7 Outstanding Young Farmers Award; and

8 WHEREAS, Ben began his career raising cotton, peanuts, corn, soybeans, wheat, rye, oats,
9 hay, and beef cattle after earning degrees in agriculture and business management, and his
10 16 years in farming have been shaped by his ability to respond to disaster; and

11 WHEREAS, Julie Anna is a third generation farmer as well as an agricultural education
12 teacher; and

13 WHEREAS, as result of their exceptional ingenuity, adaptability, and work ethic, they have
14 persevered and improved their farm's soil health and water quality throughout their careers;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, invaluable leaders in agriculture, agricultural business, and agricultural
17 education, they have established a glowing reputation for their unparalleled contributions and
18 guidance; and

19 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of these
20 remarkable and distinguished individuals be properly recognized.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
22 the members of this body congratulate Ben and Julie Anna Boyd upon being honored with
23 the 2017 National Outstanding Young Farmers Award and express gratitude for their
24 important contributions and accomplishments.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
26 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Ben
27 and Julie Anna Boyd.