LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF IDAHO

Sixty-third Legislature First Regular Session - 2015

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 14

BY AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND RECOGNIZING AND HONORING THE IDAHO FARM BUREAU FEDERATION FOR ITS SEVENTY-FIVE YEARS OF REPRESENTING IDAHO AGRICULTURE AND ESTABLISHING IDAHO'S LARGEST VOLUNTARY, MEMBERSHIP-BASED FARM ADVOCACY ORGANIZATION TO WORK FOR THE WELL-BEING OF IDAHO FARM AND RANCH FAMILIES.

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

WHEREAS, the Idaho Farm Bureau Federation was organized 75 years ago on September 15, 1939, in Murtaugh, Idaho, by 13 farmers and ranchers who saw a need for active representation promoting Idaho's agricultural industry; and

WHEREAS, Idaho Farm Bureau Federation's dedicated members continue to direct the organization's grassroots policy development process to improve the financial well-being and quality of life for farmers, ranchers and all Idahoans who depend upon agricultural products; and

WHEREAS, the organization provides and supports educational programs enabling Idaho farmers and ranchers to educate students and the general public about the importance of agriculture to the citizens of Idaho; and

WHEREAS, the organization now provides insurance, financial and commodity marketing services to Idaho farmers and ranchers so they may better manage the risks associated with agriculture; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho Farm Bureau Federation has grown to be the largest general farm organization in our state and is comprised of 37 county Farm Bureau organizations with over 72,300 member families throughout Idaho and is known as "The Voice of Idaho Agriculture"; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho Farm Bureau Federation remains a voluntary organization dedicated to strengthening agriculture and protecting the rights, values and property of federation member families and their neighbors; and

WHEREAS, Idaho Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter recognized and proclaimed September 15, 2014, to be Idaho Farm Bureau Federation Day.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the First Regular Session of the Sixty-third Idaho Legislature, the House of Representatives and the Senate concurring therein, that we recognize and honor the Idaho Farm Bureau Federation for 75 years of accomplishments and service to Idaho agriculture.