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**Celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Michigan Farm Bureau**

Rep. Jack Bergman  
of Michigan  
In the House of Representatives

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MR. SPEAKER, It's my honor to recognize the Michigan Farm Bureau upon the occasion of its 100th Anniversary. Through its trusted services and invaluable community investment, MFB has become an indispensable part of the state of Michigan.

Founded in February 1919, the Michigan Farm Bureau was formed when representatives of 57 county-level Farm Bureaus gathered on the campus of the Michigan Agricultural College – now Michigan State University. Over the next century, MFB would weave together a fabric and community of farmers from across the state. Today, the organization includes more than 40,000 farmer members that produce hundreds of different agricultural commodities and represent every facet of Michigan's incredibly diverse agricultural industry.

In the last 100 years, the Michigan Farm Bureau and its affiliates have provided its members with a vast array of goods and services, from farm equipment and supplies to commodity marketing, price negotiation and insurance. Today, MFB serves as the voice of Michigan's farmers at the state and national level, speaking on their behalf in Lansing and Washington, D.C. Its Young Farmers initiative helps develop the skills and leadership needed to ready the next generation to take the reins, and Farm Bureau volunteers help take the farm into classrooms statewide – keeping Michiganders informed about where their food comes from. Every year, MFB members donate tens of thousands of dollars' worth of food products and assistance to the needy, working directly with established food banks and other charities throughout the state. Day after day, the Michigan Farm Bureau sets a positive example of what can be achieved when the people of a state work together for the common good.

MR. SPEAKER, It's my honor to congratulate the Michigan Farm Bureau for 100 years of success, service, and community investment. Michiganders can take great pride in knowing our state is home to such dedicated citizens. On behalf of my constituents, I wish MFB all the best in its future endeavors.