

A RESOLUTION honoring Chris and Rebekah Pierce.

WHEREAS, Chris and Rebekah Pierce are proud residents of Pulaski County. The couple met 14 years ago at the University of Kentucky, and Chris purchased his first parcel of farmland in 2003 while still a student at UK; and

WHEREAS, Chris and Rebekah Pierce have a row crop operation of more than 3,400 acres in Pulaski County on which they produce corn, soybeans, and canola; and

WHEREAS, Chris and Rebekah Pierce are members of the Kentucky Farm Bureau (KFB) Young Farmer Program, and Chris is a graduate of KFB's Leadership Enhancement for Agricultural Development class. Chris also teaches young farmer classes at a community college and has served on several of KFB's state advisory committees; and

WHEREAS, at the 96th annual American Farm Bureau Federation convention in San Diego, Chris and Rebekah Pierce were awarded with one of the organization's top awards, the Young Farmer and Rancher Achievement Award. They were also the winners of Kentucky Farm Bureau's 2014 Outstanding Young Family Award at the KFB's 95th annual meeting in Louisville, an honor that showcased their commitment to their community's agricultural heritage while highlighting the strong bond they share as a married couple; and

WHEREAS, Chris and Rebekah Pierce have four loving children, ages eight, seven, four, and one; and

WHEREAS, this honorable body acknowledges the hard work Chris and Rebekah Pierce have accomplished as farmers, pillars of their community, and parents; wishes them the best of luck as they continue to labor on behalf of the common good; and congratulates them for winning two of the most prestigious awards given to members of this country's integral agricultural community;

NOW, THEREFORE,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of

Kentucky:

➔Section 1. The Senate hereby congratulates Chris and Rebekah Pierce upon winning the American Farm Bureau Federation's Young Farmer and Rancher Achievement Award and Kentucky Farm Bureau's 2014 Outstanding Farm Family, and grants them best wishes as they continue to do the vital work of tending their family farm and raising their family.

➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor of Chris and Rebekah Pierce.

➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Senator Chris Girdler for delivery.