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FIRELANDS ELECTRIC CO-OP YOUTH TOUR DELEGATE VISITS WASHINGTON, D.C.

Abbie Durbin of Plymouth was one of 38 students from throughout the state who visited Washington, D.C., and other area points of interest from June 18-24 as part of Ohio's Electric Cooperatives, Inc.'s 2022 Youth Tour.

Durbin was sponsored by Firelands Electric Cooperative, Inc. and joined more than 1,200 other rural youths representing 28 states. As part of their tour of the nation's capital, students met with members of their Congressional delegation, visited Arlington National Cemetery and the U.S. Capitol, and attended a performance at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

For over 50 years, teens from rural America have been coming to Washington, D.C., on this "trip of a lifetime," courtesy of their local sponsoring electric cooperative, Ohio's Electric Cooperatives, and NRECA. The weeklong trip includes visits to several areas of historical and national significance in and around the city.

Abbie is the daughter of Angela and Joe Durbin and is a recent graduate of Plymouth High School. She plans to attend Tiffin University in the fall to study criminal justice and forensic psychology. For more photos and information about the students' experiences on the 2022 Youth Tour, visit Ohio Youth Tour on Facebook and Instagram. Details on how to apply to become a candidate for the 2023 trip will be available at www.firelandsec.com/youth-tour-experience in late November.

Firelands Electric, A Touchstone Energy Cooperative®, is a member-owned, not-for-profit cooperative providing electric service to approximately 9,100 homes and businesses in rural areas of Ashland, Huron, Lorain, and Richland counties.

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Firelands Electric Co-op Youth Tour delegate, Abbie Durbin, is pictured in front of the Jefferson Memorial.

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