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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate Claudia VanOpdorp on being crowned the 58th Miss Illinois County Fair Queen, and we recognize her for her tireless work and dedication; and

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WHEREAS, Claudia VanOpdorp is the daughter of Tony and Juliet VanOpdorp and a sister to four siblings; she is a native of Annawan and a graduate of Annawan High School; and

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WHEREAS, At a young age, and surrounded by her local farming community, Claudia VanOpdorp learned the value of hard work and persistence through many different agricultural activities, including showing pigs at local livestock shows and detasseling corn; and

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WHEREAS, Claudia VanOpdorp won the Little Miss Henry County Fair Queen title before becoming the Junior Miss Henry County Fair Queen, and finally the 58th Miss Illinois County Fair Queen, becoming the only woman in Henry County history to have won the Triple Crown; and

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WHEREAS, Claudia VanOpdorp has cultivated a rich life filled with hobbies and activities, including playing the French horn, cooking, hiking, the Illini Pre-Dental Club, Best

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1 Buddies, Kappa Alpha Theta, IlliniThon, Meditation Group, Quad
2 Cities Youth Symphony Orchestra, Henry County Election Judge,
3 Sacred Heart Youth Ministry instructor and Sunday school
4 teacher, Annawan Youth Group, Future Farmers of America, Health
5 Careers Club, Spanish Club, drum major, band, choir,
6 cheerleading, volleyball, and basketball; and

7 WHEREAS, Claudia VanOpdorp has volunteered with St. Jude
8 Children's Hospital, Relay for Life, College Against Cancer,
9 Hammond Henry Hospital, the Riverbend Food Bank, Braveheart
10 Children's Advocacy Center, Up with Life, Toys for Needy
11 Children, Holiday Mail for Heroes, and the Henry County Fair
12 Fundraiser; and

13 WHEREAS, Claudia VanOpdorp has received many awards and
14 scholarships including the Elk's Association Illinois Teen of
15 the Year Award, the Kohl's Cares Community Service Award, the
16 Gilda's Club Cancer Kickin' Scholarship, the DDS Rank Dental
17 Scholarship, Poetry Out Loud State Finalist, the Helen Ehrig
18 Journalism Award, the John Philip Sousa Band Award, and the
19 Health Careers Club Award; she was an Illinois State Scholar,
20 Class President, and in the IMEA Honors Band; and

21 WHEREAS, Claudia VanOpdorp is currently studying
22 pre-dental biology at the University of Illinois with the
23 future goal of becoming a dentist; and

1 WHEREAS, As Miss Illinois County Fair Queen, Claudia
2 VanOpdorp will serve as an ambassador for agriculture as she
3 tours the State and educates the public on agricultural issues;
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5 WHEREAS, Claudia VanOpdorp represents the very best of the
6 youth of Illinois and serves as an impressive role model for
7 future generations of young girls who aspire to follow their
8 dreams; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
10 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
11 congratulate Claudia VanOpdorp on being crowned the 58th Miss
12 Illinois County Fair Queen and for being the only Triple Crown
13 winner in Henry County history; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That we wish Claudia VanOpdorp the best of luck
15 in her future studies and endeavors; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to Claudia VanOpdorp as a symbol of our esteem and
18 respect.