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1                               AMENDMENT TO HOUSE RESOLUTION 765

2             AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Resolution 765 by replacing  
3 everything after the heading with the following:

4             "WHEREAS, Agricultural productivity in the United States  
5 is growing faster than domestic demand; and

6             WHEREAS, U.S. farmers and agricultural firms rely heavily  
7 on export markets to sustain adequate prices for agricultural  
8 products with as much as one in three bushels of U.S. corn  
9 exported in some form and as much as one in two bushels of  
10 soybeans exported in some form; and

11             WHEREAS, A large amount of the corn and soybeans grown in  
12 Illinois is destined for the export markets, making those  
13 markets a critical factor in the economic success of Illinois  
14 soybean and corn farmers; and

1           WHEREAS, As much as 20 percent of Illinois farmland is  
2           planted with crops destined to feed Canada, Mexico, and the  
3           North American market; this farmland is crucial to Illinois  
4           producers and is aided by the North American Free Trade  
5           Agreement (NAFTA); and

6           WHEREAS, Illinois is the largest exporting state in the  
7           Midwest and the fifth largest exporting state in the nation;  
8           and

9           WHEREAS, The North American market is especially crucial to  
10          corn and soybean exports, with Mexico taking over 534 million  
11          bushels of US corn worth \$2.5 billion and over 195 million  
12          bushels of US soy, also worth \$2.5 billion last marketing year;  
13          and

14          WHEREAS, Canada is the top export market for US ethanol,  
15          which is corn based; it is the third largest export market for  
16          US soybean meal, and it is the fourth market for US pork, which  
17          consumes 25 percent of US corn and soybean meal; and

18          WHEREAS, Mexico is a top destination for  
19          Illinois-produced, dried distillers' grains, a high-value  
20          livestock feed and co-product of Illinois ethanol production;  
21          and

1           WHEREAS, The US exports of agricultural products, and many  
2 Illinois agricultural products, are greatly aided by the North  
3 American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA); and

4           WHEREAS, Mexico and Canada represent more than a third of  
5 US pork exports and the loss of NAFTA would amount to a loss of  
6 five percent of US pork production; and

7           WHEREAS, The Trump Administration is currently in  
8 negotiations to redraft NAFTA and make changes to the  
9 agreement; therefore be it;

10           RESOLVED, BY THE ILLINOIS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
11 100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge  
12 our Congressional delegation to work to ensure that any  
13 modifications made to NAFTA do not endanger or harm the strong  
14 export market that Illinois enjoys with our neighbors to the  
15 North and South; and be it further

16           RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be provided to  
17 members of the Illinois Congressional Delegation."