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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Jim and Nancy Reynolds on  
4 owning and operating the 157-acres Freedom Hill Farms near  
5 Watseka for more than three decades; and

6           WHEREAS, Jim Reynolds has worked as a college professor at  
7 Eastern Illinois University and as a high school math and  
8 physics teacher; under Governor Edgar, he served as the  
9 Director of Fairs and Promotions for the Illinois Department of  
10 Agriculture; however, he has always been enthusiastic about  
11 standardbred horse racing; and

12           WHEREAS, Jim Reynolds was first introduced to horses in the  
13 second grade, when he was given his first pony; his interest  
14 remained throughout high school, and he spent time riding bulls  
15 as an amateur rodeo performer; he later became a driver and  
16 piloted more than 250 horses to the winner's circle; in 1979,  
17 he was granted a year's leave of absence from Eastern, and he  
18 and Nancy purchased the farm; along with their two children,  
19 Keith and Kristopher, the pair has raised countless harness  
20 horses, many of which have competed in races across the  
21 country; and

22           WHEREAS, Jim Reynolds was also successful as a trainer,

1 especially with the filly, Street Dancer, who earned more than  
2 \$860,000 in her career; and

3 WHEREAS, In recent years, Jim Reynolds has moved more into  
4 breeding, and Freedom Hills has grown into one of the largest  
5 breeding farms in the State of Illinois; the farm houses 38  
6 mares and 25 foals; and

7 WHEREAS, Jim Reynolds is active in his local community as  
8 well; he has served on the board of the Iroquois County  
9 Community Unit School District and was elected Director of the  
10 U.S. Trotting Association District 5 (Illinois) in 2010;  
11 therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
13 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
14 we congratulate Jim and Nancy Reynolds on their successes with  
15 Freedom Hill Farms, and we admire their hard work and  
16 dedication; we wish them many more successful years; and be it  
17 further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
19 presented to Jim and Nancy Reynolds as an expression of our  
20 esteem and respect.