



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Mr. John Jay of Mahomet was recently named the  
3 2006 News Gazette Farm Leader of the Year; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Jay has lived in western Champaign County all  
5 of his life; he has spent much of his life managing farmland  
6 for others; and

7 WHEREAS, He attended Champaign schools and graduated from  
8 Central High School, where he took vocational agriculture  
9 classes and participated in a parliamentary procedures team;  
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11 WHEREAS, Throughout the years, Mr. Jay has grown wheat,  
12 corn, and soybeans; for a while, he raised Berkshire gilts, a  
13 breed of hogs; and

14 WHEREAS, As he farmed full-time, he gradually became  
15 involved in local government, first as Mahomet Township clerk;  
16 eventually he was elected as a trustee and supervisor, a  
17 position he still holds today; he has spent 38 years working  
18 for the township; he also served on the board of the Champaign  
19 County Soil and Water Conservation District and has spent 35  
20 years with the Cornbelt Fire Protection District; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Jay is retired, but still manages some  
22 farmland; he helps his son, Bill Jay, who is also a farmer,  
23 during harvest and works full-time as fire chief; he represents  
24 District 1 on the Champaign County Board, and he is the Mahomet  
25 Township supervisor; he and his wife, Sunny, live in Mahomet;  
26 therefore, be it

27 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
28 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
29 we congratulate Mr. John Jay of Mahomet on being named the 2006

1 News Gazette Farm Leader of the Year; and be it further

2       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
3 presented to Mr. Jay as an expression of our esteem.