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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate D.J. Douglas of
4 Stonefort for winning first place in the red wine category in
5 the Amateur Winemakers of Central Illinois' third annual
6 competition; and

7 WHEREAS, The Amateur Winemakers of Central Illinois
8 competition featured more than 100 wines produced by amateur
9 winemakers at Alto Vineyards in Champaign; wines were entered
10 by people around the United States, including Texas, Missouri,
11 Illinois, Indiana, and Kentucky; competitors shipped their
12 wines to the competition and were judged anonymously; there
13 were eight judges, made up of amateur and professional
14 winemakers, wine buyers, and an enology specialist; wines were
15 judged on clarity, color, aroma and bouquet, taste, aftertaste,
16 and overall presentation; winners were selected in red, white,
17 fruit, and mead categories, and one of the four were named Best
18 of Show; and

19 WHEREAS, D.J. Douglas' first place wine, "D.J.'s Cuvee", is
20 made from 56 percent Chambourcin grapes and 44 percent Norton
21 grapes; he purchased the grapes locally, with the Chambourcin
22 grapes coming from Anders Hedman in Alto Pass and the Norton
23 grapes coming from Matt Rendleman of Makanda; this was D.J.

1 Douglas' first competition; his 2006 batch of wine was his
2 sixth vintage; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
4 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
5 congratulate D.J. Douglas on his first place victory in the red
6 wine category in the Amateur Winemakers of Central Illinois'
7 competition and wish him continued success and happiness in the
8 future; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
10 presented to D.J. Douglas as a symbol of our esteem and
11 respect.