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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to recognize John Deere for attempting a world record at the John Deere Pavilion in Moline by constructing a full-sized sculpture of its new S-Series combine from more than 300,000 cans through John Deere's project, *Can Do*; and

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WHEREAS, The sculpture is 60 feet wide, 80 feet long, and 16 feet tall and weighs nearly 170 tons; all 300,000 cans will be donated as much-needed supplies to Moline's River Bend Foodbank during the holiday season; and

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WHEREAS, John Deere's project *Can Do* sculpture and food donation program are designed to raise awareness of the essential role of farmers and ranchers play in producing safe, healthy, and abundant food for a growing world population; and

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WHEREAS, Because the global population is expected to increase from 7 billion to more than 9 billion by 2050, farmers will need to increase food production by 70%, while using the same amount of land, water, and other resources; and

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WHEREAS, New technologies like the S-Series combine are important tools in helping farmers meet higher food demands;

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2 WHEREAS, The new S-Series combine is manufactured at John  
3 Deere Harvester Works in East Moline; and

4 WHEREAS, The combine can sculpture will be a display at the  
5 John Deere Pavilion in downtown Moline through mid-December;  
6 therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
8 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
9 we recognize John Deere for donating 300,000 cans this holiday  
10 season and raising awareness of the essential role of farmers  
11 in global food production; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
13 presented to John Deere as a symbol of our esteem and respect.