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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate the Illinois Soybean
4 Association and the Illinois Soybean Growers on their milestone
5 anniversaries; and

6 WHEREAS, The Illinois Soybean Association (ISA) will be
7 celebrating 100 years of soybean production in Illinois and 50
8 years of the Illinois Soybean Growers (ISG) representing
9 soybean farmers; and

10 WHEREAS, These milestones will be celebrated at the 2013
11 Farm Progress Show, which will be held in Decatur and during
12 2013 and 2014 at various agriculture events in Illinois; the
13 celebration will conclude during ISA's annual meeting in summer
14 2014; as part of the celebration, ISA will publish a special
15 edition of Illinois Field & Bean, which will debut in November
16 2013 at the Illinois Commodity Conference; and

17 WHEREAS, The ISA has existed in one form or another since
18 the mid-1960s; previously, the ISA operated as the umbrella
19 organization for both the Illinois Soybean Program Operating
20 Board (ISPOB) and the Land of Lincoln Soybean Association
21 (LOLSA); and

1 WHEREAS, The Illinois soybean checkoff coordinates
2 research, education, and promotion funded by checkoff dollars
3 contributed by all Illinois soybean farmers; and

4 WHEREAS, The LOLSA was the predecessor to the ISG; the
5 association was officially formed in 1964 to provide
6 legislative representation for growers; and

7 WHEREAS, During the same decade, the LOLSA and the Illinois
8 Soybean Program Operating Board began supporting international
9 marketing offices through the American Soybean Association and
10 the ISPOB began funding production research; and

11 WHEREAS, Through the last few decades, a number of
12 marketing, research, and promotion activities and legislative
13 efforts have been added and refined by Illinois soybean
14 growers; and

15 WHEREAS, In 1990, Illinois soybean leaders joined other
16 State leaders to draft guidelines for a uniform national
17 soybean checkoff; the effort was successful, and the checkoff
18 is now a major source of funding for local, state, national,
19 and international soy projects; and

20 WHEREAS, In 2012, to provide a more efficient structure for
21 Illinois soybean farmers to support their industry, the LOLSA

1 and ISPOB were formally replaced by the Illinois Soybean
2 Growers (ISG) and the Illinois Soybean Board (ISB); and

3 WHEREAS, The overall mission and vision of the ISA remains
4 the same: Working together as ISA, ISG and ISB strive to enable
5 Illinois soybean producers to be the most knowledgeable and
6 profitable soybean producers around the world; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
8 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
9 we congratulate the Illinois Soybean Association and the
10 Illinois Soybean Growers on their milestone anniversaries, and
11 on their continued work to support Illinois farmers and promote
12 Illinois agriculture; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to the Illinois Soybean Association and the Illinois
15 Soybean Growers as an expression of our esteem and respect.