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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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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.