

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, It has come to the attention of the members of
3 the House of Representatives that the 150th anniversary of
4 the Macoupin County Fair will be celebrated from July 17
5 through 22, 2002; and

6 WHEREAS, The Macoupin County Fair held its first "meet"
7 on the Carlinville public square in 1852, and its history
8 since then has been as unique as those citizens who have made
9 it so successful throughout the years; and

10 WHEREAS, A permanent site for the Fair was acquired in
11 1860 on a 22 acre plot at the northwest corner of
12 Carlinville; and

13 WHEREAS, In 1862, the site was used to train recruits for
14 the Civil War; and

15 WHEREAS, In 1905, the fairground was a 20 acre site west
16 of the present West School in Carlinville; a grandstand was
17 built for harness racing and the grounds included several
18 large buildings; the county celebrated its centennial on the
19 grounds with a spectacular parade and "Masque and Pageant";
20 and

21 WHEREAS, The present site of the fair occupies 40 acres
22 of county-owned ground one mile north of Carlinville, leased
23 in 1951; recent additions to the fairgrounds include the
24 newly renovated Food building, the new Cattle Show Ring, and
25 the Herman Franke Pavilion; and

26 WHEREAS, From July 17 through 22, 2002, the Macoupin
27 County Fair will hold its Sesquicentennial County Fair and
28 Celebration; therefore, be it

29 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
30 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that

1 we congratulate the Macoupin Co. Fair and Ag. Assoc., Inc.
2 and all the people who have made the fair possible on the
3 occasion of the Fair's 150th anniversary; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
5 presented to the Macoupin Co. Fair and Ag. Assoc., Inc. as an
6 expression of our esteem.