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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Marvin E. Perzee devoted 54 years of his life in service to the Iroquois County Fair and the larger county fair community of Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, Marvin Perzee joined the Iroquois County Agricultural & 4-H Fairs Association in 1965 at the age of 22, serving as president beginning in 1973 and vice president in 2019; he was instrumental in advocating for issues affecting farmers and agriculture and developed an unrivaled knowledge of the inner workings of the Iroquois County Fair; and

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WHEREAS, Beginning in 1979, Marvin Perzee was a member of the legislative committee for the Illinois Association of Agricultural Fairs and served as its chairman for 40 years; also beginning in 1979, he served as vice president of the Illinois Association of Agricultural Fairs Association's Northern District, and from 1982 to 1983, he served as president; and

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WHEREAS, From 1983-1984, Marvin Perzee was a member of the advisory board for the Division of Fairs and Horse Racing; from 1984 to 1989, he was director of the Illinois Association of Agricultural Fairs; in 1984, he was the recipient of the Department of Agriculture's Fairman of the Year Award; from

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1 1990 to 1998, he was appointed to the State Fair Advisory  
2 Board; from 1990 to 1991, he was president of the Illinois  
3 Association of Agricultural Fairs; from 1992 to 1996, he was  
4 director-at-large of the Illinois Association of Agricultural  
5 Fairs; and

6 WHEREAS, Marvin Perzee led the Ashkum Chargers 4-H Club,  
7 starting in 1965; he served on the Iroquois County Extension  
8 Council from 1971 to 1981; and

9 WHEREAS, Marvin Perzee even met his wife, Sharon, while  
10 she was working with county fairs throughout the State; and

11 WHEREAS, Marvin Perzee was a farmer first; he received the  
12 American Farmer Degree from the FFA in 1963; in 1973, he  
13 received the Outstanding Young Farmer Award from the Illinois  
14 Jaycees; in 1999, he received Prairie Farmer's Master Farmer  
15 Award; from 1999 to 2003, he was appointed to Attorney General  
16 Jim Ryan's advisory board; in 2005, he received the Watseka  
17 Times-Republic's Lifetime Achievement Award; in 2006, he and  
18 Sharon received the Kankakee Daily Journal's Farm Family of  
19 the Year Award; in 2007, he was inducted into the University of  
20 Illinois' 4-H Hall of Fame; therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL  
22 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare May 20, 2021

1 as "Marvin Perzee County Fair Day" in the State of Illinois in  
2 recognition of his tireless efforts to promote agriculture and  
3 county fairs across the State; and be it further

4       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
5 presented to Sharon Perzee as a symbol of our respect and  
6 esteem.