

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of  
3 the State of Illinois wish to congratulate Furst-McNess  
4 Company on 95 years of operation in the State; and

5 WHEREAS, Furst-McNess Company was started in 1908 in  
6 Freeport; the company served area farmers and small town  
7 people with a quality line of livestock remedies and  
8 household products; the company was founded by Frank Furst, a  
9 young Freeport lawyer, and Frederick McNess, a pharmacist;  
10 and

11 WHEREAS, In the late 1950s, Furst-McNess met farmers'  
12 needs for vitamin/mineral premixes to be used in making  
13 livestock rations on the farm; midwestern farmers were  
14 provided these premixes out of the Freeport plant that serves  
15 as the company's headquarters; and

16 WHEREAS, Furst-McNess is committed to being a major  
17 independent agribusiness nutrition company serving the dairy,  
18 beef, and swine industries with a complete line of McNess  
19 mineral and premix products, custom formulated manufactured  
20 livestock feeds, wet brewers grain, commodity merchandising,  
21 and nutrition consulting; and

22 WHEREAS, Furst-McNess also services the food and beverage  
23 industries by establishing a market for their waste streams  
24 as economical livestock feeding ingredients; the company uses  
25 local business leaders and enthusiastically supports  
26 continuous learning throughout the organization by providing  
27 staff with superior nutrition training and advanced  
28 technology; and

29 WHEREAS, Terrapin Ridge is the specialty foods brand of  
30 Furst-McNess Company; Terrapin Ridge produces catsup,  
31 mustards, sauces, dry glazes, mustard dressings, mustard seed

1 oil, sweet condiments, sugars, and garnishing sauce; it is  
2 named for Terrapin Ridge, located in northwest Illinois,  
3 which was named by Native Americans who believed the terrain,  
4 with its scaling ridges, looked like a turtle shell; and

5 WHEREAS, Furst-McNess was the first company to produce  
6 trial-size bottles for its products; the company was also a  
7 leader in protecting its customers by providing tamper  
8 resistant packaging; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
10 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
11 we congratulate Furst-McNess Company on 95 years of operation  
12 in the State of Illinois; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
14 presented to Furst-McNess Company as an expression of our  
15 esteem.