



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, County fairs play an important role in the rich
3 agricultural history of the State of Illinois; and

4 WHEREAS, As early as 1871, the Illinois legislature
5 realized that funding county fairs helped promote the livestock
6 industry of our State; that year, every county fair in the
7 State of Illinois received \$100 to help finance their premiums;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Today, some 3.3 million fairgoers are entertained
10 and educated yearly during the county fair season; assistance
11 is provided by the Department of Agriculture, from funds
12 allocated by the General Assembly, to county fairs, 4-H fairs,
13 vocational agriculture sectional fairs, and fair and
14 exposition participants; and

15 WHEREAS, The Bureau of County Fairs functions as a
16 regulatory arm of the Department of Agriculture; within this
17 function, constant auditing of all reports from the fairs is
18 performed, along with regulating and enforcing of all rules and
19 regulations of the Department, in compliance with statutes of
20 the State; and

21 WHEREAS, In FY2006, there were 105 agricultural and
22 industrial fairs held in Illinois, with an estimated attendance
23 of 3,320,948 and 375,199 entries; and

24 WHEREAS, County fairs are the bonding of youth and elderly,
25 the rural and the urban dwellers, the business man and their
26 customers; they are a symbol of agriculture that cannot be
27 outsourced to another country; therefore, be it

28 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
29 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that

1 we recognize the Bureau of County Fairs for the service it
2 provides to so many county fairs around the State; and be it
3 further

4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
5 presented to the Bureau of County Fairs as an expression of our
6 esteem.