



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the  
3 State of Illinois are pleased to congratulate the College of  
4 Agricultural, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences (ACES)  
5 Alumni Association on the occasion of its fiftieth anniversary;  
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Following World War II, the need to recruit more  
8 students into the College of Agriculture provided the incentive  
9 to formally organize a viable alumni association; faculty  
10 member John Behrens invited all extension farm advisors and  
11 vocational agriculture instructors in Illinois to attend an  
12 organizational meeting to discuss the formation of an alumni  
13 association; by June of 1956, the "University of Illinois  
14 College of Agriculture Alumni Association" was chartered as a  
15 non-profit corporation and a constitution and by-laws were  
16 drawn up; and

17 WHEREAS, The University's Department of Home Economics  
18 became the School of Human Resources and Family Studies (SHRFS)  
19 in 1974, and the SHRFS Alumni Association became official on  
20 November 9, 1974; and

21 WHEREAS, With the merger and reorganization of the College  
22 of Agriculture and SHRFS in 1997, the College of Agricultural,  
23 Consumer, and Environmental Sciences (ACES) was created, and  
24 the two former alumni associations merged to support the new  
25 college; the mission of the ACES Alumni Association is to  
26 enhance, support, and communicate the mission of the College  
27 and to provide and foster lifelong connections among alumni and  
28 between the college and its alumni; and

29 WHEREAS, Since their inception, the ACES Alumni  
30 Association and its predecessors have worked to advance each  
31 organization's respective college; endowments for

1 scholarships, funding for new buildings, and recruitment are  
2 among the highlights of the Association's contributions to the  
3 College; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
5 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
6 we congratulate the College of Agricultural, Consumer, and  
7 Environmental Sciences (ACES) Alumni Association on the  
8 occasion of its fiftieth anniversary; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
10 presented to the Association as an expression of our esteem.