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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

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2 WHEREAS, Cargill is an international provider of food, 3 agricultural, and risk management products and services, with 4 149,000 employees in 63 countries; and

5 WHEREAS, Cargill contributes more than \$36 million 6 globally to civic and charitable organizations each year to 7 help the communities where its employees live and work; and

8 WHEREAS, The Cargill Grain Company of Illinois was formed 9 in 1931 and provides nearly 3,000 Illinois jobs in 26 10 communities throughout the State; and

11 WHEREAS, Cargill is a leading sponsor of Farm Safety 4 Just
12 Kids and supports 4-H Healthy Lifestyles; the company has
13 received the Illinois 4-H Partners Award for its ongoing
14 support of 4-H groups throughout Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Cargill has awarded more than \$300,000 in scholarships to more than 130 Illinois students; the company has also committed more than \$1 million to the University of Illinois for academic programs in agriculture, engineering, and business; and

WHEREAS, Cargill has pledged \$150,000 to Beardstown High

1 School for new science labs in the effort to bring science

- 2 curriculum to local students; and
- 3 WHEREAS, Cargill offers English as a Second Language
- 4 classes to its employees and their families through its
- 5 partnership with Lincoln Land Community College; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Cargill has donated more than \$700,000 to
- 7 charities and communities throughout Illinois, including a new
- 8 dispatch center for the police department in Beardstown,
- 9 building homes for Habitat for Humanity, and contributions to
- 10 United Way organizations throughout Illinois; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Cargill businesses along the Mississippi and
- 12 Illinois Rivers have supported Living Lands and Waters, an
- 13 organization aimed at preserving the banks of the nation's
- rivers by volunteering time and financial resources; and
- 15 WHEREAS, Cargill is committed to reducing solid waste;
- 16 Cargill Pork in Beardstown has reduced the amount of waste they
- send to landfills in Illinois by 58%, or 2.7 million pounds per
- 18 year, by developing a process to turn the solid waste into
- 19 compost; therefore, be it
- 20 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
- 21 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we

- 1 hereby designate February 26, 2008 as Cargill Day in the State
- of Illinois; and be it further
- 3 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
- 4 presented to Cargill, Inc. as a symbol of our esteem and
- 5 respect.