

1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, In the year 2000, the Rural Affairs Council
3 conducted rural leadership forums around the State of
4 Illinois by visiting the towns of Carbondale, Carlinville,
5 Fairfield, Freeport, Macomb, and Mattoon; and

6 WHEREAS, The purpose of the forums was to hear firsthand
7 from local leaders about the challenges and opportunities
8 facing rural families and businesses; and

9 WHEREAS, The Rural Affairs Council's report, "Charting a
10 Course for the New Millennium," details the issues raised at
11 the forums; and

12 WHEREAS, The Rural Affairs Council is committed to
13 developing and implementing action strategies for rural
14 growth and prosperity; and

15 WHEREAS, The report provides a foundation for coordinated
16 actions and public-private partnerships to encourage rural
17 growth and prosperity; and

18 WHEREAS, The Rural Affairs Council hopes the General
19 Assembly and the Governor will continue to work toward
20 strengthening the rural economy, providing needed services to
21 rural areas, and improving the quality of life for rural
22 residents; therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
24 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN,
25 that we urge the Governor to implement the recommendations of
26 the Rural Affairs Council; and be it further

27 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
28 delivered to the Governor of Illinois.