

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to honor Loyd Maxey and the Mike
4 Williams Family for their achievements; and

5 WHEREAS, The Marion County Soil and Water Conservation
6 District held its Fifty-Sixth Annual Meeting and Dinner at
7 the Marion County Fairgrounds Exhibition Hall; during the
8 meeting various awards were presented to individuals making a
9 difference in Marion County conservation; and

10 WHEREAS, Loyd Maxey of Salem, Illinois, received the 2000
11 "Goodyear Farmer of the Year" award; Mr. Maxey operates the
12 family farm in Tonti township where he was raised; in 1955 he
13 graduated from high school and started his career in farming;
14 Mr. Maxey began working as a flight instructor and commercial
15 pilot in 1957; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Maxey operated a crop spraying business for
17 sixteen years; he is active as a Farm Bureau member and has
18 served on the Farm Bureau Board; Loyd Maxey has been on the
19 Marion County Fair Board for thirty years, spending 23
20 continuous years as an officer; he has also served as a
21 member of the University of Illinois Extension Council; he
22 has installed waterways, rock chutes, a dry dam, and a large
23 block chute to help with conservation; by no-tilling and
24 creating buffer strips, Mr. Maxey has helped to reduce soil
25 loss and improve water quality; and

26 WHEREAS, Loyd Maxey is married to the former Rosalie
27 Alderson; they have four children, two grandchildren, and a
28 third grandchildren arriving any day; our congratulations go
29 out to Loyd Maxey for receiving this accolade; and

30 WHEREAS, Mike Williams and his family have been chosen as
31 the 2000 Marion County Conservation Farm Family; Mike

1 Williams is a graduate of Eastern Illinois University and
2 served two years in the United States Army; he began farming
3 in 1975, and presently farms approximately 750 acres in
4 Farina; Mr. Williams no-tills a large portion of his beans
5 and corn; and

6 WHEREAS, The Williams Family operates their farms with
7 the intent of leaving them in good or better shape than they
8 were when the family starting farming them; Mr. Williams has
9 constructed several waterways and has worked to improve
10 drainage on flat ground; Mr. Williams has also completed tree
11 plantings on CRP acreage; and

12 WHEREAS, Mike Williams and his wife, Jo, have two
13 children, Mindy and Kyle; we also congratulate the Mike
14 Williams Family on receiving their award; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
16 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
17 we congratulate Loyd Maxey and the Mike Williams Family on
18 receiving their awards; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to Loyd Maxey and the Mike Williams Family.