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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to recognize the 180th anniversary
4 of the invention of the John Deere steel plow; and

5 WHEREAS, In 1837, John Deere invented the steel plow in
6 Grand Detour as a way to improve the efficiency of plowing the
7 sticky prairie soil; and

8 WHEREAS, The Smithsonian Institution has recognized the
9 John Deere steel plow as one of the 101 Objects That Made
10 America; and

11 WHEREAS, Over the last 180 years, John Deere has grown from
12 a one-man steel plow manufacturer to a worldwide corporation,
13 producing a wide variety of farm and home equipment; and

14 WHEREAS, With over 70,000 farms covering nearly 27 million
15 acres, about 75% of the total land area in Illinois,
16 agriculture is the number one business in the State; and

17 WHEREAS, Illinois ranks sixth in the nation for
18 agricultural production; and

19 WHEREAS, The world headquarters of Deere & Company is

1 located in Moline; and

2 WHEREAS, Deere & Company employs thousands of people in its
3 four factories and 11 office buildings all located in Illinois;
4 therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
6 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
7 recognize Deere & Company on the 180th anniversary of the
8 invention of the John Deere steel plow and for its
9 contributions to Illinois agriculture since; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That we wish Deere & Company many more successful
11 years; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
13 presented to Deere & Company as a symbol of our esteem and
14 respect.