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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate the students, faculty, researchers, and staff of the Orr Agricultural Research Center on the occasion of the Center's 40th Anniversary and its tradition of providing reliable and beneficial research to local communities, the State and the Midwest as a whole; and

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WHEREAS, In 1972 the Two Rivers Resource Conservation and Development Council believed that the region of Western Illinois was in need of an agricultural research center; and

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WHEREAS, After a long process by the Council of advocating for an agricultural research center, then Governor Jim Thompson approved an appropriation for the creation of the Orr Center in 1977; and

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WHEREAS, Ralph Orr sold 278 acres of farm land for the creation of the original agricultural research facility; and

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WHEREAS, In 1990, the Center added a beef research farm to its operations; and

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WHEREAS, the Orr Center represents one of the only collaborative agreements between a land grant university and a

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1 community college whereby the students and researchers of the  
2 University of Illinois share the facilities and fields of the  
3 Orr Center with the students and faculty of the John Wood  
4 Community College; even working together on research projects;  
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6 WHEREAS, During any given year, the facility has up to 50  
7 different agronomic and animal science research projects; all  
8 of which ultimately benefit farmers, agribusinesses, and  
9 students; and

10 WHEREAS, The Orr Agricultural Center has become an  
11 indispensable asset to the agricultural community of Illinois  
12 and the Midwest; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
14 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
15 congratulate the students, faculty, researchers and staff of  
16 the Orr Agricultural Research Center on the occasion of the  
17 40th year anniversary of the Orr Agricultural Research Center  
18 and its continuing efforts to provide farmers and  
19 agribusinesses with the most up to date research and data; and  
20 be it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be sent  
22 to the director of the Orr Agricultural Research Center as a

1 token of our esteem and appreciation.