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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Agricultural productivity in the United States is
3 growing faster than domestic demand; and

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WHEREAS, United States farmers and agricultural firms rely
5 heavily on export markets to sustain adequate prices for
6 agricultural products, with as much as one in three bushels of
7 United States corn exported in some form; and

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WHEREAS, A large amount of the corn grown in Illinois is
9 destined for the export markets, making those markets a
10 critical factor in the economic success of Illinois corn
11 farmers; and

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WHEREAS, Illinois is the largest exporting state in the
13 Midwest and the fifth largest exporting state in the nation;
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WHEREAS, The North American market is especially crucial to
16 corn exports, with Mexico taking over 534 million bushels of
17 United States corn, worth \$2.5 billion, last marketing year;
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WHEREAS, Canada is the top export market for United States
20 ethanol, which is corn based; it is the fourth market for

1 United States pork, which consumes 25 percent of United States
2 corn meal; and

3 WHEREAS, The exports of United States agricultural
4 products and Illinois corn is greatly aided by the North
5 American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA); and

6 WHEREAS, The Trump Administration is currently in
7 negotiations to redraft NAFTA and make changes to the
8 agreement; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
10 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
11 urge our Congressional delegation to work to ensure that any
12 modifications made to NAFTA do not endanger or harm the strong
13 export market that Illinois enjoys with our neighbors to the
14 North and South; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
16 presented to members of the Illinois Congressional delegation.