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HOUSE RESOLUTION 765

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

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

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

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WHEREAS, As much as 20 percent of Illinois farmland is  
14 planted with crops destined to feed Canada, Mexico, and the  
15 North American market; this farmland is crucial to Illinois  
16 producers and is aided by the North American Free Trade  
17 Agreement (NAFTA); and

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WHEREAS, Illinois is the largest exporting state in the  
19 Midwest and the fifth largest exporting state in the nation;  
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1           WHEREAS, The North American market is especially crucial to  
2 corn and soybean exports, with Mexico taking over 534 million  
3 bushels of US corn worth \$2.5 billion and over 195 million  
4 bushels of US soy, also worth \$2.5 billion last marketing year;  
5 and

6           WHEREAS, Canada is the top export market for US ethanol,  
7 which is corn based; it is the third largest export market for  
8 US soybean meal, and it is the fourth market for US pork, which  
9 consumes 25 percent of US corn and soybean meal; and

10           WHEREAS, Mexico is a top destination for  
11 Illinois-produced, dried distillers' grains, a high-value  
12 livestock feed and co-product of Illinois ethanol production;  
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14           WHEREAS, The US exports of agricultural products, and many  
15 Illinois agricultural products, are greatly aided by the North  
16 American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA); and

17           WHEREAS, Mexico and Canada represent more than a third of  
18 US pork exports and the loss of NAFTA would amount to a loss of  
19 five percent of US pork production; and

20           WHEREAS, The Trump Administration is currently in  
21 negotiations to redraft NAFTA and make changes to the

1 agreement; therefore be it;

2       RESOLVED, BY THE ILLINOIS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
3 100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge  
4 our Congressional delegation to work to ensure that any  
5 modifications made to NAFTA do not endanger or harm the strong  
6 export market that Illinois enjoys with our neighbors to the  
7 North and South; and be it further

8       RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be provided to  
9 members of the Illinois Congressional Delegation.