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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Illinois is the fourth-largest pork producer in
3 the United States, contributing an estimated \$13.8 billion to
4 the State's economy and supporting over 57,000 jobs; and

5 WHEREAS, Pork is the most widely eaten protein in the
6 world, and consumers have a variety of delicious cuts as
7 choices, including bacon; and

8 WHEREAS, Bacon is a hot commodity and is not just eaten for
9 breakfast anymore, although it is eaten with eggs 71% of the
10 time; and

11 WHEREAS, Each year, the average American eats 18 pounds of
12 bacon, and Illinois pig farmers produce over six billion
13 slices of it; and

14 WHEREAS, Bacon has high amounts of vitamin B3, also called
15 niacin, which is colloquially known as the fountain of youth;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Oscar Mayer patented the bacon slice in 1924; and

18 WHEREAS, Some refer to bacon as the "meat candy", as
19 incorporating it into sweet treats adds a savory and salty

1 element to traditional desserts; the smoky, rich flavor of
2 bacon complements a variety of sweet ingredients, as in the
3 popular candied bacon dessert, which typically involves
4 coating strips of bacon in a mixture of brown sugar, maple
5 syrup, and spices, such as black pepper or cayenne pepper,
6 then baking until the sugar forms a crispy, caramelized
7 coating; and

8 WHEREAS, The hardworking pig farmers who raise this
9 high-quality product deserve our support; whether plain or
10 applewood smoked, store-bought or artisan-made, bacon is a
11 meat for any meal; and

12 WHEREAS, The phrase "Bacon Never Broke My Heart" goes
13 without saying; and

14 WHEREAS, National Bacon Day is celebrated in December, but
15 Illinois needs its own day to pay tribute to this decadent,
16 rich, and indulgent meat; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
18 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
19 we declare May 6, 2026 as Illinois Bacon Day in the State of
20 Illinois and invite all Illinoisans to thank a pig farmer by
21 enjoying some delicious slices of bacon; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to the Illinois Pork Producers Association as a
3 symbol of our respect and esteem.