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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Jacob "Jake" Rendleman has dedicated more than four decades of public service to the people and concerns of southern Illinois in his varied roles as teacher, business owner, community leader, college board member, and family farmer; and

WHEREAS, Jacob Rendleman's most defining accomplishments have grown from his passion for and commitment to public education in Illinois; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of Southern Illinois University-Carbondale, Jacob Rendleman earned both a bachelor's degree in Agriculture and a master's degree in Health Education, which contributed to his lifelong passion for agricultural education; and

WHEREAS, Jacob Rendleman is a charter member of Beta Alpha of Alpha Gamma Rho, the professional-social, agriculture fraternity; and

WHEREAS, Jacob Rendleman, a lifelong resident of southern Illinois, was first elected to the John A. Logan College Board of Trustees in 1996 and served as board chair from 2001 to 2003 and 2013 to 2015; and

1 WHEREAS, In addition to the JALC Board of Trustees, Jacob
2 Rendleman has been active with the John A. Logan College
3 Foundation, serving as president from 1991 to 1994; and

4 WHEREAS, At the state level, Jacob Rendleman was elected
5 by his peers to serve as President of the Illinois Community
6 College Trustees Association from 2003 to 2004; and

7 WHEREAS, Jacob Rendleman was appointed to serve as the
8 first trustee representative to the Illinois Community College
9 Board in 2006; he subsequently earned bipartisan
10 re-appointment by three different Illinois Governors until
11 2018; and

12 WHEREAS, In the summer of 2020, the John A. Logan College
13 Board of Trustees voted unanimously to name the agriculture
14 facility on its Carterville campus as the Jacob "Jake"
15 Rendleman Laboratory in honor of his initiative and advocacy
16 to create a college agriculture program; and

17 WHEREAS, Jacob Rendleman has been recognized by numerous
18 other organizations for his support of public education;
19 notably, he has received the ICCTA Meritorious Service Award,
20 the ICCTA Ray Hartstein Trustee Achievement Award, and the SIU
21 College of Agriculture Science Alumni Achievement Award; and

1 WHEREAS, Jacob Rendleman, his wife of 58 years, Carolyn,
2 and his two daughters, Amy Schwendemann and Susan Dennison,
3 have all served as public school teachers and educators;
4 therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
6 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
7 we commend Jacob "Jake" Rendleman for his many years of
8 selfless public service to the people and public education
9 systems of Illinois; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
11 presented to Jacob Rendleman as a symbol of our respect and
12 esteem.