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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Rich Clemmons on the  
4 occasion of his retirement after working on behalf of the  
5 agriculture and ethanol industries for the past 50 years; and

6           WHEREAS, Rich Clemmons has been a tireless advocate for  
7 farmers, representing their interests in Springfield and  
8 helping to promote the number one industry in our State; over  
9 the years, his work on ethanol issues was instrumental in  
10 helping the industry grow in Illinois and increasing demand  
11 for corn across the State; and

12           WHEREAS, Despite not growing up on a farm in Illinois,  
13 Rich Clemmons became passionate about agriculture in part  
14 because of his family's legacy in tobacco production in  
15 Kentucky; and

16           WHEREAS, In 1977, Rich Clemmons was a member of the team  
17 that supported and passed the Illinois Farmland Assessment  
18 Act, which allowed agricultural land in Illinois to be taxed  
19 on its productivity and soil type instead of its price; he also  
20 played a role in the creation of the Illinois Corn Marketing  
21 Act, which created the Illinois Corn Checkoff Program; and

1           WHEREAS, Rich Clemmons helped secure funding to develop  
2 the National Corn-to-Ethanol Research Center (NCERC) at  
3 Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, a fully integrated,  
4 nationally recognized research facility that is dedicated to  
5 the development and commercialization of biotechnologies and,  
6 through its contractual research services, has played an  
7 instrumental role in commercializing more than 80 products  
8 that are now used in the commercial marketplace; and

9           WHEREAS, Over of the course of his professional career,  
10 Rich Clemmons has always had the loving support of his wife,  
11 Gretchen, and his children, Sarah, Erin, and Chris; regarding  
12 his retirement, he has expressed that he is looking forward to  
13 spending more time with his grandchildren; therefore, be it

14           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
15 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
16 we congratulate Rich Clemmons on his retirement, thank him for  
17 his service to the agriculture and ethanol industries and  
18 farmers in the State of Illinois for the past 50 years, and  
19 wish him success in his future endeavors; and be it further

20           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
21 presented to Rich Clemmons as an expression of our esteem and  
22 respect.