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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Illinois is the 4th largest pork producing state 3 in the United States, contributing an estimated \$13.8 billion 4 to 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; Illinois pig farmers produce over 8 six billion slices of bacon per year, and the average American 9 eats 18 lbs. of bacon per year; and

10 WHEREAS, The hardworking pig farmers who raise this 11 high-quality product deserve our support; whether plain or 12 apple-wood smoked, store-bought or artisan-made, bacon is a 13 meat for any meal; and

14 WHEREAS, The phrase "Bacon Never Broke My Heart" goes 15 without saying; and

16 WHEREAS, National Bacon Day is celebrated in December, but 17 Illinois needs its own day to pay tribute to this decadent, 18 rich, and indulgent meat; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF

SJ0050 -2- LRB103 39692 MST 70107 r REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING HEREIN, that we declare May 1, 2024 as Illinois Bacon Day and invite all Illinoisans to thank a pig farmer by enjoying some delicious slices of bacon; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be 6 presented to the Illinois Pork Producers Association as a 7 symbol of our respect and esteem.