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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of 3 the State of Illinois wish to congratulate the Mercer County 4 Agricultural Society on the occasion of its 150th 5 anniversary; and

6 WHEREAS, The Mercer County Agricultural Society was 7 organized in 1853 and sponsored the first Mercer County Fair 8 that same year; and

9 WHEREAS, The Mercer County Fair has fostered agricultural 10 education throughout Western Illinois through competitions, 11 displays, exhibits, and educational programs; the Mercer 12 County Fair has provided the community with dances, 13 entertainment, and other social events each summer; and

14 WHEREAS, The Mercer County Fair has aided the youth of15 the area by hosting the 4H Exhibition Show since 1949; and

16 WHEREAS, The July 2003 Mercer County Fair has been 17 designated as the Sesquicentennial Fair in remembrance of 150 18 years of successfully educating and serving the county and 19 Western Illinois; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 21 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that 22 we congratulate the Mercer County Agricultural Society on the 23 occasion of its 150th anniversary; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the Mercer County Agricultural Society as an expression of our respect and esteem and with best wishes for a successful Sesquicentennial Fair.