



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives are
3 pleased to recognize milestone events that occur in the State
4 of Illinois; and

5 WHEREAS, It has come to our attention that the Coles County
6 Fair is celebrating its sesquicentennial during the summer of
7 2004; and

8 WHEREAS, In 1854, the Coles County Fair began a continuous
9 annual run of agriculture-related activities that continues to
10 this day; the fair, started in the 19th Century, grew
11 throughout the entire 20th Century, and is now in its fourth
12 year in the 21st Century; and

13 WHEREAS, While the fair has changed through the years, it
14 remains what it has always been, a celebration of rural
15 America; it is also a celebration of achievement; young people
16 from all over Coles County have been working on projects to
17 present at the fair; many will advance to the State Fair in
18 Springfield; and

19 WHEREAS, The fair also features a 4-H livestock auction,
20 the Miss Coles County Fair pageant, a gospel music festival,
21 tractor pulls, an auto thrill show, and a demolition derby; and

22 WHEREAS, The Coles County Fair has a link to the famous
23 Lincoln-Douglas Debate of 1858, which was held at the
24 fairgrounds; therefore, be it

25 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
26 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
27 congratulate the Coles County Fair on the distinguished
28 anniversary of this year's event, the notable age of 150 years;
29 and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to the Coles County Fair as an expression of our
3 esteem for this anticipated annual event.