



1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Milk Income Loss Contract (MILC) program has  
3 helped Illinois dairy farmers survive over the last few years  
4 by compensating milk production during periods of extremely low  
5 prices; and

6 WHEREAS, The MILC program expires in September and, without  
7 an extension by Congress, the end of the program will deprive  
8 Illinois dairy farmers of a valuable safety net that has  
9 provided over \$38,000,000 in necessary funding to an important  
10 Illinois industry; and

11 WHEREAS, It is foreseeable that price fluctuation in the  
12 future, without a MILC safety net, may have a profound negative  
13 impact on the economic viability of dairy farms in this State;  
14 and

15 WHEREAS, Dairy farming serves an important role in the  
16 modern, diverse economy of this State; it also functions as a  
17 cultural, social, and historic anchor for many of Illinois'  
18 rural communities; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
20 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
21 we strongly urge the United States Congress to pass legislation  
22 that extends the MILC program until at least 2007, when it may  
23 be reviewed in the context of the next farm bill process; and  
24 be it further

25 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be provided to the  
26 Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the  
27 President of the United States Senate, and each member of the  
28 Illinois Congressional delegation.