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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The Manito area has been known for its leadership
3 in agricultural production for over 150 years; and

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WHEREAS, Manito, located in Mason County, is the gateway to
5 the "*Imperial Valley of the Midwest*" and a portal to the
6 Illinois River Byway; and

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WHEREAS, The Manito area is known for its agriculture,
8 outstanding farmers, tradition, and economic possibility; and

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WHEREAS, The farm area surrounding Manito is located in the
10 heart of Illinois with highly fertile soil, controlled growing
11 conditions, and a virtually unlimited water supply to allow for
12 extensive irrigation; and

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WHEREAS, The Manito area farmers are noted for their
14 ability to diversify their production, from pumpkins to
15 popcorn; and

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WHEREAS, Manito and its surrounding area have always been
17 known for its hard-working, hometown people; and

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WHEREAS, Manito is celebrating its founding with a
19 Sesquicentennial Celebration to Agriculture - Then and Now on

1 Saturday, August 2, 2008; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
3 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
4 designate August 2, 2008 as Agriculture Day with a salute to
5 Manito Area Farmers and the Manito Area Regional Economic
6 Development; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That we salute the farmers of the Manito area and
8 the Manito Area Regional Economic Development (MARED) for their
9 outstanding work in growing the products that feed countless
10 individuals throughout this State, the nation, and the world at
11 large; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
13 presented to the Manito Area Regional Economic Development as a
14 symbol of our esteem and respect.