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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, John Boos & Co., based in Effingham, is one of the  
3 oldest manufacturers of premium quality kitchen equipment and  
4 butcher blocks in the United States, and has been in business  
5 continuously since 1887; and

6 WHEREAS, Conrad Boos Sr. founded the business in 1887 and  
7 named it for his son, John; for many years, he worked out of  
8 the blacksmith shop, which was located at what is now 406 West  
9 Jefferson Street in Effingham; and

10 WHEREAS, As a single product (die block) manufacturer, a  
11 single minded focus was formed during the early years of John  
12 Boos & Co.: to make the best die blocks in the world; and

13 WHEREAS, During World War II, John Boos & Co. proved its  
14 ingenuity and adaptability to manufacture food service work  
15 tables and tabletops for the United States Army, Navy, and  
16 Marine Corps mess halls and kitchens; the company emerged from  
17 the war era with a new manufacturing philosophy, a new service  
18 culture, and expanded product lines; and

19 WHEREAS, Beginning in the mid-1960s, John Boos & Co.  
20 further expanded the growth of its stainless steel fabrication;  
21 ever-changing to accommodate the market requirements, the

1 company's manufacturing expanded to include an entire range of  
2 stainless products; and

3 WHEREAS, The John Boos & Co. is a leader in environmental  
4 initiatives and is firmly committed to managing environmental  
5 matters as an integral part of its business practice; the  
6 company uses renewable North American hardwood products and  
7 maintains a high standard in the treatment of the environment  
8 during the manufacturing process; and

9 WHEREAS, Although the trend in American manufacturing over  
10 the past 2 decades has been to outsource jobs overseas, John  
11 Boos & Co. has remained committed to quality, American-made  
12 products and has maintained production in the United States;  
13 and

14 WHEREAS, John Boos & Co. continues to be the only company  
15 in the United States that has both stainless steel fabrication  
16 and wood manufacturing facilities in one location; and

17 WHEREAS, 2012 marks the 125th anniversary of the founding  
18 of the John Boos & Co., earning them a reputation for creating  
19 the finest products in the industry; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
21 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that

1 we congratulate the owners and employees of John Boos & Co. on  
2 the occasion of the company's 125th anniversary of providing  
3 quality products and employing Illinois workers; and be it  
4 further

5       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
6 presented to John Boos & Co., as a symbol of our respect and  
7 esteem.