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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, In 1946, Keith, Mervel, and Leonard Wood chose the City of Oregon, Illinois, along the banks of the Rock River to build their new venture, Wood Brothers Manufacturing Co.; and

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WHEREAS, The brothers' produced the first successful tractor-mounted rotary cutter and developed several innovations, such as the patented single v-belt drive system, single attachment pin blade system, and various designs that led to today's standard three-point hitch for agricultural tractors; and

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WHEREAS, The innovations of Wood Brothers Manufacturing Co., now Woods Equipment Company, and its drive for new product development established Woods as a pioneer in the creation of the agricultural equipment "short line" industry - which today includes hundreds of attachment manufacturers; and

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WHEREAS, In the late 1950s, 2 Woods engineers began sketching concepts for a flexible wing cutter with an innovative drive system and decks hinged in 3 pieces to better conform to the rolling terrain; with the introduction of the Batwing rotary cutter in the autumn of 1963, the Batwing took flight and has significantly affected the overall growth of the flex-wing mower product category; and

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1 WHEREAS, Hours of testing in extreme conditions, the rugged
2 sub-structure and the industry leading welding and paint
3 standards has assured the success and quality of the Batwing;
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5 WHEREAS, Batwing rotary cutters are prevalent on farms,
6 roadsides, campuses, estates, and homes throughout the United
7 States and exported to countries around the world; and

8 WHEREAS, Woods Equipment Company and the city of Oregon are
9 celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Batwing throughout
10 2013; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
12 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
13 we congratulate Woods Equipment Company on the 50th anniversary
14 of the Batwing; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to Woods Equipment Company as a symbol of our respect
17 and esteem.