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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate the Will County Farm
4 Bureau on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of its
5 founding; and

6 WHEREAS, The Will County Farm Bureau was formed by a group
7 of local farmers in 1913; its first President was Edward L.
8 Wilson and the Bureau was originally known as the Will County
9 Soil and Water Association; it was housed in the Woodruff
10 Building at Chicago and Jefferson Streets in Joliet; and

11 WHEREAS, The name was changed to the Will County Farm
12 Bureau and the first board of directors was elected in 1919,
13 with the new President being John Keniston; 30 Presidents have
14 followed since; and

15 WHEREAS, The Will County Farm Bureau has worked on behalf
16 of local farmers to help promote a positive image of the
17 agriculture industry and has offered the support and assistance
18 needed to the local farming community in helping to maintain
19 and strengthen the principles of the farming industry; and

20 WHEREAS, The Will County Farm Bureau has vigorously opposed
21 programs and policies which eroded or attacked the foundation

1 of agriculture production; and

2 WHEREAS, The Will County Farm Bureau has been a strong
3 supporter of private property rights, assisting local farmers
4 with various issues over the years; and

5 WHEREAS, The Will County Farm Bureau moved its headquarters
6 to the Terminal Building at Clinton & Ottawa Streets in 1920
7 and remained in that location until 1961 when they moved to
8 their current location on Manhattan Road in Joliet; and

9 WHEREAS, The first organized movement to teach students
10 about their food system was started by the Farm Bureau's
11 women's organization in 1961; in 1981, it was changed to the
12 Ag-in-the-Classroom program; and

13 WHEREAS, The Will County Farm Bureau saw the need to start
14 other local farm organizations; in 1979, it started the Will
15 County Corn Growers Association and, in 1983, it started the
16 Will County Soybean Growers Association to help reach out and
17 support farmers with production needs; and

18 WHEREAS, In 1999, the Will County Farm Bureau hosted the
19 National Farm Hearing at the Floyd & Karre Schultz Farm to
20 address the lowest farm prices they had seen in over 20 years;
21 it had a powerhouse line up of speakers, including the American

1 Farm Bureau President, 5 other Farm Bureau State Presidents,
2 and United States Senators and Congressmen, with Orion
3 Samuelsson servings as the master of ceremonies; and

4 WHEREAS, The Will County Farm Bureau marks its 100th
5 anniversary on November 23, 2013 at a celebration dinner at the
6 Joliet Junior College Weitendorf Agriculture Facility;
7 therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
9 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
10 we congratulate the Will County Farm Bureau on its 100th
11 anniversary, and wish the organization and its members
12 continued success; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to the Will County Farm Bureau as a symbol of our
15 esteem and respect.