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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate the many people who  
4 make up the Kankakee County Farm Bureau, on the Bureau's 100th  
5 anniversary; and

6           WHEREAS, The Kankakee County Soil and Crop Improvement  
7 Association was born at a public meeting in the Supervisor's  
8 Room of the Kankakee County Courthouse on May 29, 1912; the  
9 articles of incorporation were originally filed with the State  
10 of Illinois Office of the Secretary of State on June 3, 1912 as  
11 one of the first such agricultural organizations in the State  
12 of Illinois; and

13           WHEREAS, The organization officially changed its name on  
14 December 14, 1933 to the Kankakee County Farm Bureau; the Farm  
15 Bureau is a voluntary membership organization whose mission is  
16 to "improve the economic well-being of agriculture and enrich  
17 the quality of farm family life"; and

18           WHEREAS, The Farm Bureau recognizes freedom, the dignity  
19 and worth of the individual, equal opportunity, initiative, and  
20 compensation for accomplishment, as basic concepts responsible  
21 for the country's progress and stature among the nations of the  
22 world; the Farm Bureau represents the thinking of the majority

1 of its members so the organization can achieve maximum  
2 effectiveness and influence; and

3 WHEREAS, The Kankakee County Farm Bureau has been, and  
4 continues to be, a service organization to not only its members  
5 but to agriculture and Kankakee County; and

6 WHEREAS, The Kankakee County Farm Bureau is governed by 17  
7 Directors; the current Directors of the Kankakee County Farm  
8 Bureau Board include: District 1: Rockville Township, Jon  
9 Whitten; Manteno Township, Greg St. Aubin; District 2: Sumner  
10 Township, Gene Rademacher; Yellowhead Township, Keith Mussman,  
11 President; District 3: Essex Township, Marty Joyce; Salina  
12 Township, Patrick Joyce; District 4: Bourbonnais Township,  
13 Gary Paarlberg; Limestone Township, Mark Tanner; District 5:  
14 Norton Township, Patrick Koerner; Pilot Township, Sterling  
15 Bouchard; District 6: Kankakee Township, Steve Benoit; Otto  
16 Township, Bret Perreault; District 7: Aroma Township, Mike  
17 Bourgeois; Saint Anne Township, Duane Oosterhoff; District 8:  
18 Ganer Township, Kevin Yohnka, Vice President; Momence  
19 Township, Paula Karlock, Secretary-Treasurer; and Pembroke  
20 Township, Brian Dandurand; and

21 WHEREAS, Since 1912, the Kankakee County Farm Bureau has  
22 been working for the agriculture community to improve  
23 efficiency, profitability, safety, and quality of life; and

1           WHEREAS, On March 15, 2012 the Kankakee County Farm Bureau  
2 will celebrate its Centennial milestone at its 100th Annual  
3 Meeting; therefore, be it

4           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
5 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
6 we congratulate the many people who make up the Kankakee County  
7 Farm Bureau, on the Bureau's 100th anniversary; and be it  
8 further

9           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
10 presented to the Kankakee County Farm Bureau as a symbol of our  
11 respect and esteem.