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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Farm to School programs in Illinois schools teach students about the connection between healthy food and local farmers, and make it more likely that students will eat the fresh fruits and vegetables served in their school meals; and

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WHEREAS, Illinois-grown produce, such as apples, purchased by schools and promoted in the cafeterias, brings an economic benefit to farmers in the community and across the State; and

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WHEREAS, A school day celebration of Illinois produce, such as the Illinois Great Apple Crunch, makes it easy for schools to purchase Illinois-grown apples and celebrate agriculture and healthy food with their students through a cafeteria celebration and community education; the Illinois Great Apple Crunch is a day-long celebration of fresh, local apples from the Midwest; schools across the State of Illinois can participate by serving local apples on the lunch tray and crunching into them together as a school; and

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WHEREAS, The Illinois Farm to School Network, in partnership with the Illinois Agriculture in the Classroom program, is committed to helping schools participate in the Illinois Great Apple Crunch through the provision of educational materials and an online website and registration to

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1 support the day, and acknowledges the support of the Illinois
2 Farm Bureau and the Illinois Specialty Growers Association in
3 connecting to Illinois farmers; and

4 WHEREAS, The Illinois Farm to School Network is committed
5 to increasing the amount of locally grown food in schools, as
6 well as agriculture education, and programs such as the
7 Illinois Great Apple Crunch make it easy for schools to
8 participate in these programs; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
10 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
11 declare October 12, 2017 as the "Illinois Great Apple Crunch
12 Day"; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
14 presented to the Illinois Department of Agriculture, the
15 Illinois State Board of Education, and the Illinois School
16 Nutrition Association.