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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Illinois county fairs highlight our State's rich
3 agricultural history, while preparing and educating our youth
4 and future leaders of tomorrow; and

5 WHEREAS, Across the State, almost every county fair was
6 canceled entirely due to the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020; and

7 WHEREAS, Determining factors for canceling county fairs
8 included the health and safety of fairgoers, government
9 limitations on fairs and festivals, and financial feasibility;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, There are normally 104 county fairs in Illinois
12 that produce agricultural education, community support, and
13 economic benefits; and

14 WHEREAS, Economic losses from canceled events were
15 financially devastating for many counties; typically, county
16 fairs in the State of Illinois return over \$170 million in tax
17 revenue back to the State every year; and

18 WHEREAS, Beyond the economic impact, county fairs provide
19 many benefits to the community that are not related to
20 economic gains, including family friendly entertainment,

1 agricultural education, opportunities for local organizations
2 to get involved, traditional community events, fundraising for
3 local groups, and unique entertainment opportunities;
4 therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
6 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
7 we recognize the importance of county fairs; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That the Illinois General Assembly will
9 encourage and support the continued success of county fairs
10 across the State.