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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Dairy animals have provided people around the
3 globe with a reliable and abundant source of milk and
4 milk-based products, such as butter, yogurt, various kinds of
5 cheese, ice cream, milk, and concentrated and dry milk
6 products; and

7 WHEREAS, Nutrient-rich dairy foods play an important role
8 in child and adult nutrition and are good sources of several
9 vital nutrients, including calcium, potassium, vitamins D and
10 A, protein, and phosphorus; and

11 WHEREAS, Eating nutritious dairy foods, such as milk,
12 cheese, and yogurt, improves bone health, especially in
13 children and adolescents, and is associated with reduced risk
14 of cardiovascular disease and lower blood pressure in adults
15 and a reduced risk of Type 2 diabetes; and

16 WHEREAS, Global demand for protein-rich dairy products is
17 rising, and the nation's dairy exports have more than
18 quadrupled since 2000, to nearly \$5 billion in 2016; and

19 WHEREAS, The nation's top five export markets include
20 Mexico (\$1.2 billion in sales), Southeast Asia (\$671 million
21 in sales), Canada (\$632 million in sales), China (\$384 million

1 in sales), and South America (\$280 million in sales); and

2 WHEREAS, Illinois has over 84,000 dairy cows, and Illinois
3 milk production was 1.748 billion pounds in 2019 and 1.631
4 billion pounds for the first 11 months of 2020; and

5 WHEREAS, Illinois ranked 3rd in Ag exports to the world in
6 2019 with approximately \$7.5 billion, in which dairy was the
7 7th highest product category (fresh dairy to cheese, etc.) at
8 \$232M in 2019 and \$168M through the first three-fourths of
9 2020; and

10 WHEREAS, It is important to increase the exportation of
11 dairy products from Illinois in the global economy to provide
12 additional jobs for citizens of the State, to boost the
13 State's economy and to provide citizens of other nations with
14 wholesome, fresh dairy foods; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
16 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
17 we urge the United States Department of Agriculture and the
18 United States Department of Commerce to increase the
19 exportation of Illinois dairy products to other nations; and
20 be it further

21 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be

1 delivered to the Governor of Illinois, the Illinois Department
2 of Agriculture, the United States Department of Agriculture
3 and the United States Department of Commerce.