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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Taft's Mr. Ribeye, a  
4 staple of the Illinois State Fair, on its 50th anniversary;  
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6           WHEREAS, In the summer of 1973, Delbert Taft, and his good  
7 friend, Loren Schlipf, collaborated and created a way to  
8 promote the beef industry by selling ribeye steak sandwiches;  
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10           WHEREAS, At first, their ribeye sales idea was a volunteer  
11 operation only open from 10:00am to 2:00pm in front of Barn 13  
12 near the Coliseum, and a ribeye steak sandwich cost \$2.50;  
13 approximately three years later, Delbert and Steve Taft  
14 addressed the idea as a business and eventually turned it into  
15 Taft's Mr. Ribeye; at that time, a second stand was added at  
16 the corner of Barn 25A on the way to the Grandstand; and

17           WHEREAS, Over the years, Delbert and Steve Taft witnessed  
18 many exciting and interesting events, including serving Dennis  
19 Wilson of the Beach Boys at the stand, Garth Brooks concerts,  
20 serving AJ Foyt on the infield in 2000, two hours of steady  
21 customers after the Snoop Dog concert, Trevor Wolfe running  
22 head first into a garbage dumpster, President George H.W. Bush

1 walking by the stand, multiple Willie Nelson concerts, the  
2 storm in 1986, and Joe Hill holding on to the cylinder of LP;  
3 and

4 WHEREAS, The Illinois State Fair in 1983 was especially  
5 memorable, as Mandy Taft, Steve Taft's daughter and Delbert's  
6 granddaughter, was born on parade day; and

7 WHEREAS, Many wonderful people have worked at Taft's Mr.  
8 Ribeye over the years, including Rick Swan, who has been there  
9 for 38 years; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
11 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
12 we congratulate Taft's Mr. Ribeye on its 50th anniversary and  
13 commend the Taft family for the pride they have taken in the  
14 growth and development of their stands over the years; and be  
15 it further

16 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
17 presented to Taft's Mr. Ribeye and the Taft family as a symbol  
18 of our esteem and respect.