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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Jeff Maierhofer on his  
4 34-year career at Seneca High School and recognize the  
5 positive impact he has had on students; and

6           WHEREAS, Jeff Maierhofer received his education at the  
7 University of Illinois and obtained a dual major in  
8 agriculture education and agriculture economics in 1988 and a  
9 master's degree in agriculture education in 1992; and

10           WHEREAS, Jeff Maierhofer embarked on his career in  
11 education in 1989 in Seneca, and his teaching has included  
12 agriculture industry, agriculture sciences, horticulture, and  
13 agribusiness management; and

14           WHEREAS, Jeff Maierhofer's career in education at Seneca  
15 has had a particular focus on agriculture; he teaches  
16 agriculture, is the advisor of Seneca's Future Farmers of  
17 America (FFA), and manages the school's land lab; and

18           WHEREAS, Jeff Maierhofer has represented agricultural  
19 education in leadership capacities across the country;  
20 Seneca's agricultural education department and its Future  
21 Farmers of America have been recognized on the state and

1 national level, including 18 consecutive Illinois FFA  
2 Outstanding Chapter recognitions; and

3 WHEREAS, Jeff Maierhofer is a member of the Illinois  
4 Association of Vocational Agriculture Teachers (IAVAT), the  
5 Illinois Association of Career and Technical Educators  
6 (IACTE), the National Association of Agriculture Educators  
7 (NAAE), and the Association for Career and Technical Education  
8 (ACTE); and

9 WHEREAS, Jeff Maierhofer served on the Illinois FFA Board  
10 of Directors, was elected as the 2004-2005 National  
11 Association of Agricultural Educators (NAAE) National  
12 President, spent two terms on the National Council for  
13 Agricultural Education, was a consultant to the National FFA  
14 Board of Directors, Trustees of the National FFA Foundation,  
15 and served as the National Vice President of the Ag Ed Division  
16 of the Association of Career and Technical Educators (ACTE)  
17 from 2010-2012; in addition, he serves as an associate  
18 director for the LaSalle County Soil and Water Conservation  
19 District; and

20 WHEREAS, Jeff Maierhofer was awarded the 2022 National  
21 ACTE Carl Perkins Community Service Award from the Association  
22 for Career and Technical Education (ACTE), which recognizes  
23 individuals who have used CTE to make a significant impact on

1 their community and who have demonstrated leadership in  
2 programs and activities that promote student involvement in  
3 community service; and

4 WHEREAS, Jeff Maierhofer is a local historian and served  
5 on the board of directors of the Seneca Historical Guild,  
6 where he was the lead author for The Story of Seneca, Illinois  
7 and helped create the Seneca Area Heritage Museum; and

8 WHEREAS, Jeff Maierhofer is a lifelong resident of Seneca,  
9 where he still lives on the family's Centennial Farm north of  
10 town; and

11 WHEREAS, Jeff Maierhofer's wife, Jenna, is also an  
12 educator and teaches math at Seneca High School, and the  
13 couple are proud parents of two vibrant boys, Levi James and  
14 Calvin Jon; and

15 WHEREAS, Jeff Maierhofer enjoys working with his father on  
16 the farm and plays baseball and softball whenever possible;  
17 therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
19 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
20 we congratulate Jeff Maierhofer on his retirement and thank  
21 him for his 34 years of service as an educator at Seneca High

1 School and for the invaluable impact he has made on the lives  
2 of his students, his community, and the industry of  
3 agriculture; and be it further

4       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
5 presented to Jeff Maierhofer as a symbol of our respect and  
6 esteem.