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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to congratulate the Christian County  
4 Agricultural Fair on the occasion of its 100th anniversary;  
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6           WHEREAS, On April 29, 1924, the Christian County  
7 Agricultural Fair was founded by Phil S. Haner, Robert Carlin,  
8 Louis Tolliver, and Edward Alton, who rented and held the fair  
9 on 40 acres of land located at the west edge of Taylorville  
10 from 1924 through 1935; and

11           WHEREAS, After watching the Christian County Agricultural  
12 Fair grow in popularity over its first decade, the four  
13 business partners purchased the fairgrounds for \$5,000 in  
14 1935; and

15           WHEREAS, In its early days, the Christian Country  
16 Agricultural Fair was home to the most outstanding society  
17 horse shows in the Midwest and was the largest society horse  
18 show for county fairs in the State of Illinois; and

19           WHEREAS, The Christian County Agricultural Fair also  
20 sponsored harness and running races, as the track was  
21 considered one of the best in the United States and was a

1 member of the "Top Line" race circuit; and

2 WHEREAS, The Christian County Agricultural Fair held many  
3 other events during this time, including the Western Horse  
4 Show and beef cattle, dairy cattle, hog, and sheep shows; in  
5 its early years, it also hosted draft and mule shows and horse  
6 pulling contests prior to the advent of tractor pulling  
7 contests seen today; and

8 WHEREAS, Over the past 100 years, the Christian County  
9 Agricultural Fair has been made possible thanks to hundreds of  
10 Christian County residents giving thousands of hours of their  
11 time, making the fair one of the finest in Illinois;  
12 therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
14 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
15 we congratulate the Christian County Agricultural Fair on its  
16 centennial anniversary, and we wish the fair continued success  
17 in the future; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
19 presented to the Christian County Agricultural Fair as an  
20 expression of our esteem and respect.