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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

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2 WHEREAS, Illinois is the 4th largest pork producing state 3 in the United States, contributing an estimated \$13.8 billion 4 to the State's economy and supporting over 57,000 jobs; and

WHEREAS, Pork is the most widely eaten protein in the world, and consumers have a variety of delicious cuts as choices, including bacon; Illinois pig farmers produce over six billion slices of bacon per year, and the average American eats 17.9 lbs. of bacon of per year; and

- 10 WHEREAS, The hardworking pig farmers who raise this
  11 high-quality product deserve our support; whether its plain or
  12 apple-wood smoked, whether store-bought or artisan-made, bacon
  13 is a meat for any meal; and
- WHEREAS, The phrase "Bacon Never Broke My Heart" goes without saying; and
- 16 WHEREAS, National Bacon Day is celebrated in December, but
  17 Illinois needs its own day to pay tribute to this decadent,
  18 rich, and indulgent meat; therefore, be it
- 19 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
  20 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare May 3, 2023

- 1 as "Illinois Bacon Day" and invite all Illinoisans to thank a
- 2 pig farmer by enjoying some delicious slices of bacon; and be
- 3 it further
- 4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
- 5 presented to the Illinois Pork Producers Association as a
- 6 symbol of our respect and esteem.