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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Richard Clemmons, director of External Relations, President's Office for the Illinois Farm Bureau (IFB), will retire from his position on June 30, 2006, after 36 years of service; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Clemmons has held a number of management positions during his 36-year career with Illinois Farm Bureau, primarily working in government affairs areas dealing with various local and State legislative issues and concerns; and

WHEREAS, He began his career with IFB in 1970 while still a student at Illinois State University (ISU); after graduating, he served as county executive secretary for the Mason County Farm Bureau; in 1976, he became assistant director of Local Government and Government Affairs for IFB; from 1981 to the present, he has held a number of director level positions within the Farm Bureau organization; and

WHEREAS, He holds a bachelor degree in education from Illinois State University; he was a registered lobbyist in Illinois and served on the organizing committee for the Illinois Council for Food and Agricultural Research; and

WHEREAS, He sits on the ISU Alumni Association Board of Directors, the ISU Foundation Board, and is the immediate past president of the alumni board; he is the current chair of the State 4-H Foundation Board for the University of Illinois and is a current member of the Normal (Illinois) Kiwanis Club; he is a past member of the Town of Normal Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Commission and served on The Baby Fold Board for nine years; and

WHEREAS, Rich Clemmons married Gretchen on February 21, 1970; he is the father of Sarah, Erin, and Chris; therefore, be

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2 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
3 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
4 we congratulate Richard Clemmons on the occasion of his
5 retirement from the Illinois Farm Bureau after 36 years of
6 service; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
8 presented to Mr. Clemmons as an expression of our esteem and
9 with best wishes for a relaxing retirement.