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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are honored to recognize significant
4 milestones in the lives of the families of this State; and

5 WHEREAS, Members of the Welch-Downs family had settled in
6 McLean County, Illinois and in 1882 two daughters of William
7 Welch came to Illinois from their home in Kansas to visit their
8 family; before their return, the family met at the farm home of
9 Lawson Downs Welch for a dinner to bid the visitors farewell
10 and Godspeed on their return trip; during that day it was
11 decided to continue these gatherings; and

12 WHEREAS, The Welch-Downs family of McLean County, Illinois
13 has continued to hold an annual family reunion each year since
14 1882; and

15 WHEREAS, Members of this family have contributed to the
16 social fabric of Central Illinois; and

17 WHEREAS, Members of this family has been active in their
18 churches; and

19 WHEREAS, Members of this family and have worked in numerous
20 jobs, including farming; in fact, many family members have

1 learned the true meaning of hard work detasseling corn and/or
2 "walking" soybean fields; and

3 WHEREAS, Members of this family have proudly served in
4 different capacities in the Armed Forces of the United States
5 to defend our freedoms; and

6 WHEREAS, While some family members have moved away from
7 Illinois, many members of the family still reside in Illinois;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, The annual reunion draws family members that have
10 moved away back to Illinois to visit; and

11 WHEREAS, The Welch Downs family will celebrate its 125th
12 annual reunion during the third weekend of August 2007,
13 culminating with a traditional family picnic to be held at
14 Dooley Park in Downs, Illinois, on August 19, 2007; therefore,
15 be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
17 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
18 congratulate the Welch-Downs family on the occasion of their
19 125th annual reunion and their contribution to the social
20 fabric of Illinois, and we extend to them our sincere best
21 wishes for the future; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to the Welch-Downs family.