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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate the organizers and
4 participants of the Illinois Mennonite Relief Sale on the
5 occasion of the event's 50th anniversary; and

6 WHEREAS, The Illinois Mennonite Relief Sale began in a sale
7 barn in Congerville in 1958; the event soon moved to the
8 Exposition Gardens in Peoria; after a move to the Peoria
9 Convention Center, the event moved a final time to the
10 Interstate Center in Bloomington, where it has remained the
11 last several years; the organization utilizes the help of over
12 1,500 volunteers and has raised over 6 million dollars for
13 worthy causes; and

14 WHEREAS, The Mennonite Central Committee is a world-wide
15 organization that provides "relief work", consisting of
16 medical, food, clothing, housing, and educational services, in
17 53 needy countries worldwide; the organization began in 1920 to
18 assist refugees in foreign countries; and

19 WHEREAS, The 50th Illinois Mennonite Relief Sale will be
20 held on March 14 and 15, 2008 at the Bloomington Interstate
21 Center, where thousands of items will be sold to further their
22 cause of helping the needy; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
2 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
3 congratulate the organizers and participants of the Illinois
4 Mennonite Relief Sale on the occasion of the event's 50th
5 anniversary and wish them continued success in the future; and
6 be it further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
8 presented to a representative of the Illinois Mennonite Relief
9 Sale as a symbol of our esteem and respect.