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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate John Kabat, Mt. Vernon
4 Township High School (MVTHS) agriculture teacher, on receiving
5 the National Agriculture Service Citation Award; and

6 WHEREAS, Only 6 people in the nation are selected for the
7 honor each year; the award recognizes John Kabat for his work
8 as a teacher and FFA advisor, as well as his community service
9 and commitment to agriculture; and

10 WHEREAS, John Kabat traveled to New Orleans, Louisiana with
11 his family to accept the award at a conference for the National
12 Association of Agriculture Educators; and

13 WHEREAS, John Kabat was encouraged to apply for the award
14 by MVTHS agriculture teacher, Cherie Rogier; his application
15 was judged in State and regional competitions before he was
16 selected as one of this year's winners; the winners can be from
17 a wide range of agricultural backgrounds and can come from a
18 high school, a community college, a university, or the
19 agriculture industry; and

20 WHEREAS, John Kabat is a farmer and lives in Scheller with
21 his wife, Marcia; they have 3 children, Jacob, Erika, and

1 Alicia; and

2 WHEREAS, John Kabat has taught at MVTHS since 1985 in
3 various agriculture-related subjects, as well as cooperative
4 education; he also taught a semester at Rend Lake College while
5 he was getting his master's degree; and

6 WHEREAS, In addition, John Kabat is involved with numerous
7 professional organizations, including the Illinois and
8 National Corn Growers Association and the Illinois and American
9 Soybean Association; he has also worked to promote the
10 interests of agriculture by staying in touch with senators,
11 representatives, and the governor; and

12 WHEREAS, John Kabat is the past President and past
13 Vice-President of the Illinois Association of Vocational
14 Agriculture Teachers; he also served on the Curriculum
15 Committee at the University of Illinois and the Agriculture
16 Leadership Board at Southern Illinois University-Carbondale;
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18 WHEREAS, John Kabat also serves on the Rend Lake College
19 Agriculture Advisory Council and the Rend Lake College Board of
20 Trustees and had previously served on the Waltonville Community
21 High School Board of Education; and

1 WHEREAS, John Kabat serves as an example of hard work,
2 passion, and dedication; his work throughout his career has
3 benefited many in the agriculture community; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
5 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
6 congratulate John Kabat, Mt. Vernon Township High School
7 agriculture teacher, on receiving the National Agriculture
8 Service Citation Award and we wish him the best in all his
9 future endeavors; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
11 presented to John Kabat as an expression of our congratulations
12 and appreciation for a job well done.