

1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Food animals are the primary source of
3 high-quality protein that nourishes the people of the world;
4 and the global consumption of meat, milk, and eggs is
5 expected to grow at least three percent annually for the next
6 two decades; and

7 WHEREAS, Animals reared for food are the primary
8 consumers of corn and soybeans grown on Illinois farms and
9 feed co-products from Illinois corn and soybean processing
10 plants; and

11 WHEREAS, Illinois food animal agriculture generates \$12
12 billion annually in economic activity and \$2.4 billion in
13 farm producer cash receipts; and

14 WHEREAS, The holistic integration of livestock and
15 row-crop agriculture is fundamental to long-term
16 sustainability of Illinois soils and a diverse ecosystem; and

17 WHEREAS, The Illinois research and education system in
18 livestock agriculture is ranked among the best in the world;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, There is a great opportunity for Illinois
21 farmers to participate directly in domestic and international
22 markets for animal products, and for Illinois industries to
23 contribute to local economic development by marketing the
24 components of advanced production technologies globally; and

25 WHEREAS, Decision makers are challenged to find unbiased
26 answers to the increasingly complex technical, social, and
27 environmental questions that affect public policy as it
28 relates to food animal agriculture; and

29 WHEREAS, There is not now in existence an entity to
30 collect information and to focus public and private resources

1 to capture opportunities in food animal agriculture;
2 therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
4 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
5 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that interested parties draft a
6 plan for the formation of a Food Animal Institute and that an
7 evaluation of the contribution that such an Institute can
8 make to this State and globally be reported to the General
9 Assembly before March 1, 2002.