2007 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 71

October 9, 2007 – Introduced by Representative DAVIS. Referred to Committee on Rules.

Relating to: declaring Evansville, Wisconsin, the Soybean Capital of Wisconsin.

Whereas, farming and agribusiness have been important to the Evansville community since 1839; and

Whereas, cooperative efforts of farmers and city residents have made the Evansville area strong in business, education, and social organizations; and

Whereas, area farmers, members of the Grange, also known as Patrons of Husbandry, organized a general store called the Evansville Mercantile Association in 1874 that was an important part of the Evansville economy for more than 100 years and was housed in buildings that continue to be important downtown business sites; and

Whereas, Evansville businessmen organized the Baker Manufacturing Company in 1873 to manufacture engines, windmills, and water pumping equipment to improve conditions on the farm and in the city; and
Whereas, farmers organized the Union Cooperative Association in 1935, starting with less than 200 members and growing to become part of Landmark Services Cooperative; and

Whereas, Pruden Product Company started operation in 1954 by manufacturing feeders for farm animals and developed into one of the largest steel building manufacturers in the nation, VP Buildings; and

Whereas, Evansville area farmers have always taken pride in having the highest quality livestock, crops, and well maintained farms and for generations have promoted excellence in agriculture by cooperating with the University School of Agriculture and University of Wisconsin Extension to organize farmers institutes and other educational opportunities; and

Whereas, Evansville farmers and agribusinesses have received national and international attention for their expertise in agriculture throughout the years and have welcomed opportunities to share their knowledge with visitors to Evansville from many countries; and

Whereas, in 1983 the Wisconsin Soybean Association designated Evansville the Soybean Capital of Wisconsin; and

Whereas, the North Prairie Productions biodiesel facility begins a new chapter in Evansville agribusiness; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the members of the Wisconsin legislature declare Evansville, Wisconsin, the Soybean Capital of Wisconsin.

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