

State of Misconsin 2007 - 2008 LEGISLATURE

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. 1 2 Whereas, farming and agribusiness have been important to the Evansville 3 community since 1839; and Whereas, cooperative efforts of farmers and city residents have made the 4 5 Evansville area strong in business, education, and social organizations; and 6 Whereas, area farmers, members of the Grange, also known as Patrons of Husbandry, organized a general store called the Evansville Mercantile Association 7 8 in 1874 that was an important part of the Evansville economy for more than 100 9 years and was housed in buildings that continue to be important downtown business 10 sites; and 11 Whereas, Evansville businessmen organized the Baker Manufacturing

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| 1 | Whereas, farmers organized the Union Cooperative Association in 1935, |
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| 2 | starting with less than 200 members and growing to become part of Landmark |
| 3 | Services Cooperative; and |
| 4 | Whereas, Pruden Product Company started operation in 1954 by |
| 5 | manufacturing feeders for farm animals and developed into one of the largest steel |
| 6 | building manufacturers in the nation, VP Buildings; and |
| 7 | Whereas, Evansville area farmers have always taken pride in having the |
| 8 | highest quality livestock, crops, and well maintained farms and for generations have |
| 9 | promoted excellence in agriculture by cooperating with the University School of |
| 10 | Agriculture and University of Wisconsin Extension to organize farmers institutes |
| 11 | and other educational opportunities; and |
| 12 | Whereas, Evansville farmers and agribusinesses have received national and |
| 13 | international attention for their expertise in agriculture throughout the years and |
| 14 | have welcomed opportunities to share their knowledge with visitors to Evansville |
| 15 | from many countries; and |
| 16 | Whereas, in 1983 the Wisconsin Soybean Association designated Evansville |
| 17 | the Soybean Capital of Wisconsin; and |
| 18 | Whereas, the North Prairie Productions biodiesel facility begins a new chapter |
| 19 | in Evansville agribusiness; now, therefore, be it |
| 20 | Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the members of the |
| 21 | Wisconsin legislature declare Evansville, Wisconsin, the Soybean Capital of |
| 22 | Wisconsin. |
| 23 | (END) |

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