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Gorden to endow greenhouse at Meridian High School

MACON – The Meridian AgTech Foundation announced today that lifelong resident Roberta Gorden has donated \$59,000 for construction of the Roberta K. Gorden Greenhouse as part of the foundation’s plans for a new agriculture building at Meridian High School. The foundation has a goal to raise \$1 million to cover the \$816,000 cost of constructing a building to house an agriculture shop, classroom and greenhouse.

Gorden is a lifelong resident of Blue Mound and lives on the sesquicentennial farm her great, great grandfather William B. Gorden settled in 1863. Five generations of her family have been involved in farming.

Gorden is passionate about agriculture and the job opportunities available in horticulture, animal science, technology and crop science, and many others. “We have large companies such as ADM, Tate and Lyle, and Bayer, all ag-related businesses in our own backyard. There are so many job possibilities in our area,” she explained to a classroom of Meridian High School agriculture students.

“I am blessed that the hard work and toil of my ancestors allows me to be able to endow this greenhouse,” she said. “We live on some of the richest land in the world, and I am honored to be able to help further the cause of agriculture.”

To learn more about how you can help, contact Pete Pistorius at pete@pistoriusfarms.com or 217-433-3752. Checks should be made out to the Meridian Agriculture Foundation and mailed to 728 S. Wall Street, Macon, IL, 62544.

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