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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) is a contagious
3 neurological disease affecting members of the cervid family,
4 including deer, elk, and moose; and

5 WHEREAS, Once contracted, the disease is always fatal; and

6 WHEREAS, CWD has continued to spread throughout the nation
7 since its first detection, and cases of CWD have been confirmed
8 in Illinois and its neighboring states of Iowa, Missouri, and
9 Wisconsin; and

10 WHEREAS, Today, the health of deer herds in Illinois is
11 threatened by the spread of CWD, as is the State's storied
12 hunting tradition and the economic and conservation benefits it
13 provides; and

14 WHEREAS, Hunting is a vital economic force in Illinois,
15 with hunters in Illinois accounting for over \$1.32 billion in
16 annual spending and supporting 18,049 jobs; and

17 WHEREAS, In 2017 alone, the sale of hunting licenses
18 brought in over \$32 million for conservation efforts in the
19 State, while excise taxes paid on hunting equipment and
20 associated goods, which were distributed to Illinois through

1 the Wildlife Restoration Program that year, provided more than
2 \$16 million in additional funds; and

3 WHEREAS, House Resolution 4454, the Chronic Wasting
4 Disease Management Act, and Senate Bill 2252, The Chronic
5 Wasting Disease Support for States Act, were recently
6 introduced, respectively, in the United States House of
7 Representatives and the United States Senate, as a means of
8 providing states with additional resources to fight this
9 disease and provide support for research; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
11 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
12 encourage all members of Illinois's Congressional Delegation
13 to support and co-sponsor this essential legislation that will
14 help protect the hunting heritage of Illinois and the immense
15 conservation and economic benefits it provides; and be it
16 further

17 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
18 presented to all members of Illinois's Congressional
19 Delegation, Governor Bruce Rauner, and the Illinois Department
20 of Natural Resources so that all may know the critical
21 importance of House Resolution 4454 and Senate Bill 2252.