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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Starved Rock Park is a State park located in  
3 LaSalle County; and

4 WHEREAS, Starved Rock State Park has seen increased  
5 visitation, with an average of 2.5 million visitors per year;  
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Starved Rock State Park is the 11th most visited  
8 park in the country; and

9 WHEREAS, Increased visitation to Starved Rock State Park  
10 impacts the local emergency services, including ambulance and  
11 fire & rescue teams; and

12 WHEREAS, Upon the passage of SB1310, the Department of  
13 Natural Resources would be allowed to adopt a parking fee and  
14 an annual pass at Starved Rock State Park to help mitigate  
15 these issues, with 80 percent of the fee allocated to  
16 infrastructure and 20 percent allocated to safety purposes; and

17 WHEREAS, Upon the passage of SB1310, LaSalle County  
18 residents would be exempt from such fees to alleviate the  
19 impact the increased visitation has on the local residents;  
20 therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL  
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that upon the passage of  
3 SB1310, we urge the Department of Natural Resources and the  
4 General Assembly to study the impact and the effectiveness of  
5 the Starved Rock State Park parking fee over a period of three  
6 years to determine if a parking fee should be enacted in all  
7 State Parks in Illinois.