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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Colin Dobson on the
4 publication of A Guide to Finding Birds Along the Illinois
5 River Flyway, an informative book to teach anyone the basics of
6 birdwatching in the Midwest; and

7 WHEREAS, Colin Dobson started birding at the age of seven;
8 over the past decade, he has logged thousands of hours in the
9 field; and

10 WHEREAS, Colin Dobson is widely known throughout the region
11 as being one of the most prolific birdwatchers in Illinois; he
12 has recorded 365 species in the State and over 330 in the
13 Illinois River Flyway region; his notes are considered to be
14 some of the most comprehensive records of the region over the
15 past decade; he can now identify 100 percent of the bird calls
16 along the Illinois River region; and

17 WHEREAS, Colin Dobson enjoys birdwatching because "all it
18 takes is being curious about your surroundings"; there are
19 between 150 and 200 bird species that can be spotted along the
20 Illinois River region from easily accessible locations, which
21 makes it an ideal place for someone to start birdwatching; and

1 WHEREAS, Colin Dobson and co-author Joseph Steensma, a
2 professor of practice at Washington University in St. Louis who
3 has been birding around the Illinois River Corridor for the
4 last 20 years, met on a birdwatching trip; they worked together
5 on the book throughout spring 2018; the guide was completed in
6 November and released on December 26, 2018; the guide helps
7 readers to hone their curiosity and notice birds that others
8 might not readily recognize; according to Joseph Steensma,
9 "Colin is a real genius; he's a real naturalist," and the two
10 enjoyed working together; and

11 WHEREAS, Colin Dobson is the son of Kenny and Dena and the
12 sister of Addie; he is a senior at Routt Catholic High School,
13 where he is an avid golfer and has advanced to the state golf
14 tournament twice; he will graduate in 2019 and plans to attend
15 the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; therefore, be
16 it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
18 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
19 we congratulate Colin Dobson on the publication of A Guide to
20 Finding Birds Along the Illinois River Flyway and wish him
21 success in his future endeavors; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
23 presented to Colin Dobson as an expression of our esteem and

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1 respect.