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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Tori Trauscht on
4 receiving the Best of the Best Award from the Illinois
5 Association of Park Districts in the category of Outstanding
6 Volunteer of the Year; and

7 WHEREAS, Tori Trauscht has lived in Mundelein for 34 years;
8 she became concerned with the health of Diamond Lake and
9 started the Indian Creek Watershed Project in 1999; from 2000
10 to 2015, the group sought and received over four million
11 dollars in grants for improvement of the watershed; in 2006,
12 she was instrumental in creating the Indian Creek
13 Watershed-based plan, which was the first of its kind adopted
14 by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency; she has always
15 been passionate about restoring waterways and improving
16 natural areas with low-impact restoration methods; and

17 WHEREAS, Tori Trauscht's activism started in 1990 with the
18 League of Women Voters, where she focused on promoting
19 recycling and waste reduction; she has volunteered throughout
20 her community to aid in the restoration of waterways and
21 natural land areas; her volunteerism extends to her home and to
22 the homes of others; she has installed rain gardens at her home
23 and helped others install them at their homes; and

1 WHEREAS, Tori Trauscht was vital in bringing the Mundelein
2 Park & Recreation District, the Village of Mundelein, Fremont
3 Township, and the Diamond Lake Preservation Alliance together
4 for a project to improve the slopes of a retention pond that
5 drained into Diamond Lake, the erosion of which was sending
6 sediment into the lake; and

7 WHEREAS, Tori Trauscht spent over 800 hours researching,
8 meeting with committee members, writing, and editing a book on
9 the project, which is filled with beautiful photos of the lake,
10 the history of the area, and a guide on how to be a good steward
11 of the lake; over 2,000 copies were shared with area residents
12 to bring greater awareness about the 12,000 year old glacial
13 lake that is majority owned by the Mundelein Park & Recreation
14 District and is under increasing pressure from runoff, climate
15 change, and other human impacts; and

16 WHEREAS, The Mundelein Park & Recreation District and the
17 entire Mundelein area is very fortunate to have someone as
18 knowledgeable as Tori Trauscht who is willing to share her
19 expertise and time to better the environment; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
21 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
22 we congratulate Tori Trauscht on receiving the Best of the Best

1 Award from the Illinois Association of Park Districts in the
2 category of Outstanding Volunteer of the Year; and be it
3 further

4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
5 presented to Tori Trauscht as a symbol of our respect and
6 esteem.