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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, as
3 well as the Inflation Reduction Act and the Biden
4 Administration's commitment to increasing conservation and
5 protecting open space, gives states access to unprecedented
6 federal funding that can change the landscape for agricultural
7 conservation practices, habitat restoration, and climate
8 resilience; and

9 WHEREAS, The America the Beautiful Plan and its commitment
10 to conserving 30 percent of land and water in the U.S. by 2030
11 provides much needed momentum to direct these funds to open
12 space and natural resource protection; and

13 WHEREAS, It is urgent that Illinois access this funding
14 since our planet is on the precipice of a massive extinction
15 event and food web collapse in the wake of a changing climate;
16 we have a moral obligation to do what we can to mitigate its
17 worst effects; and

18 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois has a responsibility to
19 protect its communities and to enable the use of these
20 resources; and

21 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois is presented with an

1 historic opportunity to become a national model for land,
2 water, and wildlife protection as we look toward 2023 and the
3 beginning of the 103rd General Assembly; and

4 WHEREAS, Working in tandem, the Illinois General Assembly
5 and the Governor's Office can ensure that available federal
6 programs can be easily accessed by both State agencies and
7 non-governmental organizations, as many of the incoming
8 dollars will require matching funds and/or statutory changes
9 to enable the full utilization of those funds; and

10 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois must prepare to receive
11 funding from the federal government by ensuring that agencies
12 are adequately staffed and coordinating with each other;
13 therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
15 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
16 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we urge state agencies, local
17 governments, and other organizations to work together to
18 identify and correct deficiencies that affect the State's
19 eligibility for federal funding to fight climate change.