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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate the National Wild Turkey
4 Federation, Inc. on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of
5 its founding; and

6 WHEREAS, The National Wild Turkey Federation was
7 incorporated on March 28, 1973 in Fredericksburg, Virginia and
8 moved its headquarters to Edgefield, South Carolina that same
9 year; and

10 WHEREAS, Over the course of 50 years, the National Wild
11 Turkey Federation and millions of its members and chapters
12 across the nation have worked with state, federal, and
13 non-governmental partners to promote the conservation of the
14 wild turkey and the preservation of our hunting heritage,
15 participating in one of the greatest conservation success
16 stories in American history, which is the return of the wild
17 turkey from the brink of extinction; and

18 WHEREAS, The National Wild Turkey Federation, its members,
19 and its chapters have been at the vanguard of reversing
20 declining hunting participation through nationwide investment
21 in hunter recruitment, retention and reactivation efforts, and
22 partnering with states to develop opportunities to engage

1 people from all walks of life in the outdoors tradition; since
2 2012, it has recruited and reactivated more than 1.5 million
3 hunters; and

4 WHEREAS, The National Wild Turkey Federation, its members,
5 and its chapters have invested more than half a billion
6 dollars to conserve or enhance more than 22 million acres of
7 critical wildlife habitat, forests, and grasslands across
8 public and private lands since 1985; and

9 WHEREAS, The National Wild Turkey Federation, its members,
10 and its chapters have invested more than \$8.5 million in
11 research throughout North America to ensure healthy wild
12 turkey populations into the future; and

13 WHEREAS, The National Wild Turkey Federation is the
14 largest and longest-serving non-governmental stewardship
15 partner of the USDA Forest Service, conserving habitat on
16 National Forest System Lands for more than 40 years, and is
17 heavily engaged in the development and implementation of the
18 USDA's Wildfire Crisis Strategy; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
20 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
21 we congratulate the National Wild Turkey Federation, Inc. on
22 the 50th anniversary of its founding and salute the

1 organization, its chapters, and its members from across the
2 United States for their tremendous efforts to further
3 scientific, state-led wildlife management and the conservation
4 of America's wild turkey and its habitat; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
6 presented to the National Wild Turkey Federation as a symbol
7 of our respect and esteem.