

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG)
3 is made up of the USDA Forest Service; four Department of the
4 Interior agencies: the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), the
5 National Park Service (NPS), the Bureau of Indian Affairs
6 (BIA), and the Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS); and state
7 forestry agencies through the National Association of State
8 Foresters; and

9 WHEREAS, The purpose of NWCG is to coordinate programs of
10 the participating wildfire management agencies in order to
11 avoid wasteful duplication and to provide a means of
12 constructively working together; its goal is to provide more
13 effective execution of each agency's fire management program;
14 the group provides a formalized system to agree upon
15 standards of training, equipment, qualifications, and other
16 operational functions; and

17 WHEREAS, The NWCG believes the goal of effective wildfire
18 management is best served through coordinating the resources
19 of all fire management agencies, irrespective of land
20 jurisdiction; it supports the concepts of full partnership,
21 trust, and mutual assistance among the fire management
22 agencies; the group strongly supports professionalism in all
23 facets of fire management; and

24 WHEREAS, The NWCG strives to bring the best talent to
25 bear on vital issues in a timely manner, irrespective of
26 agency affiliation as well as striving to bring economy,
27 efficiency, and quality to all activities; it practices
28 concepts of total mobility, closest forces, and shared
29 resources without geographic limitations; as a group, the
30 NWCG constantly searches for areas of agreement to further
31 the effectiveness of the wildfire management program;
32 therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
2 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
3 we strongly encourage the Director of Natural Resources and
4 the Office of the Illinois State Forester to join the
5 National Wildfire Coordinating Group; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to the Director of Natural Resources and the Office
8 of the Illinois State Forester.