

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate J.R. Black of Kankakee
4 on being nominated to the Illinois Outdoor Hall of Fame; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Black is being honored for well over three
6 decades of conservation work on the Kankakee River; his
7 induction brings it to an even dozen since it was organized
8 three years ago; he has been nominated each year since 2001;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Black continues to chair the Kankakee River
11 Basin Partnership he helped create in 1997 and was
12 instrumental in winning \$1.8 million in State grants for
13 local ecosystem restoration work; he's also organized the
14 "Adopt-A-River-Mile" programs aimed at removing debris from
15 56 miles of the river year round; he has championed a
16 stocking program to revive the rivers walleye; and

17 WHEREAS, In addition, he has served as a Statewide
18 delegate to all four of Illinois' Conservation Congresses and
19 was named to Governor Jim Edgar's Land and Water Task Force;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Black is the founder of the Kankakee River
22 Valley Fishing Derby, and served 12 years as chairman and
23 remains a part of the derby steering committee; he is a
24 charter member and executive director of the Northern
25 Illinois Anglers Association and a life member of the
26 Kankakee Valley Whitetails Unlimited and the
27 Bradley-Bourbonnais Sportsmen's Club; and

28 WHEREAS, Mr. Black is a former football coach and
29 athletic director of Kankakee Westview High School and is now
30 retired as the special populations coordinator at the
31 Kankakee Area Career Center; and

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Black's introduction into the Illinois
2 Outdoor Hall of Fame will take place on February 20, 2004 at
3 the Drury Lane in Oakbrook Terrace; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
5 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
6 we congratulate J.R. Black on his induction into the Illinois
7 Outdoor Hall of Fame and wish him good health and happiness
8 in all of his future endeavors; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
10 presented to J.R. Black as an expression of our respect and
11 esteem.