



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, It is the privilege of this Body to recognize the
3 achievements of young people in the State of Illinois; and

4 WHEREAS, Hunter Grounds, born June 10, 1987, was in the
5 goose pit with his dad, World Champion Goose Caller Tim
6 Grounds, when he was still in diapers; he has had a call in his
7 hand from the time he could take hold of anything; he learned
8 to blow the call very early and has been entering calling
9 contests since the age of seven; he has almost 70 titles to his
10 credit; and

11 WHEREAS, In 2000, Hunter won the World Junior Goose title
12 in Easton, Maryland, then two weeks later went to Stuttgart,
13 Arkansas, and won the World Junior Duck title; this is the
14 first and only time anyone has held both titles in the same
15 year; and

16 WHEREAS, Never in the history of the World Championship at
17 Easton, Maryland, has a competitor won both the World Goose
18 Calling contest and also won the Junior World contest on the
19 same night; Hunter did just that at the age of 16 on November
20 15, 2003; to top off a perfect evening, that same night he also
21 won the Junior Duck Calling contest; Hunter, at 16, made
22 history by being the youngest person to ever win the senior
23 division world championship; he also is the first winner to
24 have a father retired from that prestigious event after having
25 won it three times; and

26 WHEREAS, After he won the World Goose Calling Championship
27 in 2003, two weeks later in Stuttgart again, he won the World
28 Intermediate Duck Calling Championship; he held seven world
29 titles for goose calling and three world titles for duck
30 calling at the age of 16; and

1 WHEREAS, He currently holds the Illinois State title and
2 the International title; he has hunted geese and ducks in
3 Canada, Mexico, and all over the United States; he has appeared
4 in several hunting videos and several hunting shows on TV for
5 the Outdoor Channel; blowing the goose call that his father
6 manufactures won Hunter \$30,000 in 2004 and \$44,000 in 2005; in
7 2006 he has already earned \$6,500; and

8 WHEREAS, He loves the outdoors and hunts whatever is in
9 season; he fishes in the spring and summer and aspires to be a
10 professional bass fisherman; he currently works in his father's
11 business, Tim Grounds Championship Calls, Inc., in Johnston
12 City; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
14 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
15 we recognize Hunter Grounds for his worldwide success as a
16 champion goose caller; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to Hunter Grounds as an expression of our esteem.