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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The City of Dixon was established in 1828, when  
3 Native American Joseph Ogee established a trading post in the  
4 area now known as Dixon; and

5 WHEREAS, The Rock River was a factor in the importance and  
6 growth of Dixon, resulting in the establishment of a ferry by  
7 John Dixon to transport wagons, animals, and people across the  
8 river; and

9 WHEREAS, The Rock River, which runs from the Horicon  
10 Marshes in Wisconsin to the Mississippi River, has developed  
11 into a great fishery, known for its abundance of catfish  
12 weighing up to and over 50 pounds; and

13 WHEREAS, The Rock River is known for having the best  
14 fishing and best-tasting catfish in the Midwest; and

15 WHEREAS, National outdoor sports retailer Cabela's is  
16 sponsoring an Annual Catfish Tournament with the City of Dixon  
17 as the center of the tournament; and

18 WHEREAS, The Dixon Tourism Board will be hosting a King Kat  
19 Tournament with \$10,000 in cash prizes on June 6, 2009 and in  
20 the first weekend of every June thereafter; therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
2           NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
3           designate the City of Dixon as "The Catfish Capital of  
4           Illinois"; and be it further

5           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
6           presented to James G. Burke, Mayor of the City of Dixon, as a  
7           symbol of our respect and esteem.