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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The Illinois House of Representative seeks to recognize the national achievements of Illinois residents for their commitment to the preservation of our environment and natural resources; and

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WHEREAS, Joyce Blumenshine of Peoria is the recipient of the 2009 Sierra Club Special Service Award for her three decades of conservation efforts in Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, Joyce Blumenshine chairs the Mines Committee and the Conservation Committee of the Illinois Chapter of the Sierra Club, where she has been a leader in stopping pollution of rivers, streams, and wetlands from coal mine runoff and has worked to prevent the destruction of wetlands and rivers; and

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WHEREAS, Joyce Blumenshine has worked to protect the streams and wetlands of the Shoal Creek watershed, the Coffeen Lake State Fish & Wildlife Area, streams and wetlands in the Middle Fork Big Muddy River watershed, and streams tributary to the Kaskaskia River State Fish & Wildlife Areas; and

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WHEREAS, Joyce Blumenshine worked to protect more than 600 acres of land between the Banner Marsh State Fish and Wildlife Area and the Rice Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area, which are

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1 both listed as Globally Important Migrating Bird Habitats; and

2 WHEREAS, Joyce Blumenshine has also been active in opposing
3 the expansion of a hazardous waste landfill in Peoria County
4 and the proposal to send electric arc furnace dust to a
5 landfill in Tazewell County that lies over a major aquifer;
6 therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
8 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
9 recognize the efforts of Joyce Blumenshine to protect and
10 preserve Illinois' environment by receiving the 2009 Sierra
11 Club Special Service Award; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
13 presented to Joyce Blumenshine as a symbol of our esteem and
14 respect.