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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, On June 5, 2010, the Chicago Botanic Garden will host its third annual celebration of the United Nations World Environment Programme's World Environment Day; and

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WHEREAS, Activities throughout the Chicago Botanic Garden will explore how people of all ages can protect the earth through awareness and action; garden scientists, conservationists, and horticulturists will give on-going tours, talks, and demonstrations about a range of topics from sustainable lawn care to the study of native pollinators; and

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WHEREAS, A farmers' market stand will offer seasonal produce from the Garden's Green Youth Farm and Windy City Harvest programs and visitors can recycle their plastic plant containers; there will also be an opportunity to learn about all the offerings of the Joseph Regenstein, Jr. School of the Chicago Botanic Garden during a special open house; and

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WHEREAS, Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Commissioner Debra Shore will offer the keynote presentation and will talk about the complex nature of Chicago's water systems and explore what the 100 year-old reversal of the Chicago River means for the diversion of water and the introduction of invasive species; and

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1 WHEREAS, Woodland ecologist Jim Steffen will lead a tour
2 through the ongoing ecological transformation of the 100-acre
3 McDonald Woods and will talk about aggressive control of
4 invasive plants that has led to a resurgence in native plant
5 communities; and

6 WHEREAS, Prairie ecologist Joan O'Shaughnessy will give a
7 tour of the Dixon Prairie, will review the six different types
8 of prairie communities, and talk about "prescribed burns" and
9 their role in preserving native plants and animals; and

10 WHEREAS, Lake ecologist Bob Kirschner will show visitors
11 how over one-quarter of a million wetland plants have been used
12 to stabilize lakeshores and enhance the aquatic habitat for
13 fish, turtles and frogs. He will also demonstrate how the
14 aquatic plant harvester removes invasive aquatic plants;
15 therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
17 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
18 congratulate the Chicago Botanic Garden as they celebrate World
19 Environment Day and thank them for their efforts to promote
20 knowledge about our world and surroundings; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the Chicago Botanic Garden as a symbol of our
2 respect and esteem.