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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Rock River, known for its beauty and
3 ecological importance, flows south through Rockford, then
4 southwest across northwestern Illinois, passing Oregon, Dixon,
5 Sterling, and Rock Falls before joining the Mississippi River
6 at Rock Island; and

7 WHEREAS, The Rock River provides opportunities for
8 conservation and recreation for many residents of this State;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, The Rock River has had an important role in
11 Illinois history, and it attracts many tourists each year to
12 such spots as the area in Dixon where former President Ronald
13 Reagan once served as a lifeguard and his favorite fishing
14 spot, now called "Dutch Landing", located just southwest of
15 Lowell Park; and

16 WHEREAS, Designating the roads along the Illinois portion
17 of the Rock River as a Scenic Route will encourage residents
18 and visitors alike to explore, appreciate, and enjoy the many
19 wonders of the Rock River; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
21 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE

1 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that the Rock River Scenic Route is
2 designated as follows:

3 (1) from the Illinois-Wisconsin State Line at Shirland
4 Avenue, along South Bluff Road in Rockton Township to
5 Rockton Road on County Highway 9;

6 (2) along Rockton Road from South Bluff Road to Race
7 Street in Rockton;

8 (3) along Race Street from Rockton Road to Main Street
9 in Rockton;

10 (4) along Main Street from Race Street to Hononegah
11 Road (County Highway 8);

12 (5) along Hononegah Road from Main Street to Illinois
13 Route 251;

14 (6) along Illinois Route 251 from Hononegah Road to
15 State Street in Rockford;

16 (7) along State Street from Illinois 251 to Illinois
17 Route 2;

18 (8) along Illinois Route 2 from State Street through
19 the remainder of Winnebago County and through Ogle County
20 into Lee County to Palmyra Road;

21 (9) along Palmyra Road from Illinois Route 2 (east) to
22 Illinois Route 2 (west) in Whiteside County;

23 (10) along Illinois Route 2 through the remainder of
24 Whiteside County into Rock Island County to 94th Avenue
25 North (County Highway 2); and

26 (11) along 94th Avenue North from Illinois Route 2 to

1 Illinois Route 84 (the Great River Road); and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation
3 is requested to erect at suitable locations, consistent with
4 State regulations, plaques or signs giving notice of the name;
5 and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That units of local government that maintain any
7 portion of the Rock River Scenic Route are urged to enhance
8 suitable areas along the route; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency
10 and the Illinois Bureau of Tourism are requested to post the
11 Rock River Scenic Route's location on their Agency websites,
12 and to produce and distribute brochures and other related
13 matter that will make the route known to the public; and be it
14 further

15 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be delivered to
16 the Illinois Secretary of Transportation, the Illinois
17 Historic Preservation Agency, the Illinois Bureau of Tourism,
18 and to each of the local governments having jurisdiction over
19 any portion of the route.