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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Bird watching and other nature activities provide
3 citizens young and old with valuable opportunities to learn
4 about the environment and the need to preserve the Earth; and

5 WHEREAS, Bird conservation efforts date back to 1869, when
6 Michigan passed a law to protect the Passenger Pigeon; and

7 WHEREAS, In North America, 618 million acres of land,
8 freshwater, and marine areas or approximately 9% of the
9 continent has been dedicated as wildlife habitat; and

10 WHEREAS, Public awareness and concern are crucial
11 components of conserving those areas and the birds and other
12 wildlife that live in those areas; and

13 WHEREAS, Citizens who are enthusiastic about birds and
14 nature, informed about threats to the natural world, and
15 empowered to become involved in addressing those threats can
16 make a tremendous contribution to maintaining healthy bird
17 populations and protecting bird habitats; and

18 WHEREAS, Interest in stewardship and conservation can grow
19 by modeling conservation activities and involving people young
20 and old in those activities; and

1 WHEREAS, There are many educational materials available to
2 school districts, parents, and citizens to foster public
3 awareness about bird and nature conservation; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
5 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
6 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate May 1, 2012 as Bird
7 Watching Day in the State of Illinois and encourage school
8 districts and teachers in this State to participate in and host
9 activities to teach students and citizens about bird and nature
10 conservation; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the
12 superintendent of each school district in this State.