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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The Pecatonica River enters Illinois at  
3           Stephenson County north of Winslow and continues through  
4           northern Illinois until it joins the Rock River in Winnebago  
5           County near Rockton; and

6           WHEREAS, Significant potential exists for recreational  
7           boat use on the Pecatonica River and other streams in  
8           Stephenson and Winnebago Counties; and

9           WHEREAS, Significant public investment has been made by  
10          local units of government at Tutty's Crossing Trailhead,  
11          McNeil's Damascus Landing, and McConnell's Bobtown Landing to  
12          provide access to the Pecatonica River for motorized and  
13          non-motorized recreational boat use, stewardship, and  
14          environmental education; and

15          WHEREAS, The waters of the Pecatonica River and other  
16          streams in Stephenson and Winnebago Counties, Illinois, are of  
17          good quality for recreational uses by boaters; and

18          WHEREAS, The creation of a Pecatonica River Water Trail and  
19          other potential water trails would add to local residents'  
20          quality of life, both economically and recreationally, and  
21          would encourage increased tourism to the area; and

1           WHEREAS, It is in the public interest of this State to  
2 encourage a cooperative effort within the local governmental  
3 units to further develop and enhance the Pecatonica River Water  
4 Trail; therefore, be it

5           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
6 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
7 we designate the Pecatonica River from the Illinois State line  
8 to the mouth of Pecatonica River at its confluence with the  
9 Rock River in Winnebago County the Pecatonica River Water  
10 Trail; and be it further

11           RESOLVED, That the Pecatonica River Water Trail will extend  
12 from stream bank to stream bank of the Pecatonica River at  
13 normal high water levels, not flood level, and shall not  
14 infringe on the rights of private property owners along the  
15 waterway or the authority of the Department of Natural  
16 Resources; and be it further

17           RESOLVED, That we endorse the work of neighboring  
18 jurisdictions and relevant conservation groups on design and  
19 planning issues related to coordination of river development  
20 activities when such circumstances arise; and be it further

21           RESOLVED, That we endorse the efforts of other governmental

1 partners to work in an expeditious manner to achieve the  
2 development of the water trail prior to or, alternatively, in  
3 conjunction with new development as it occurs on a  
4 parcel-by-parcel basis along that waterway; and be it further

5       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
6 delivered to the Director of Natural Resources and the county  
7 boards of Stephenson County and Winnebago County.