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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to honor Henry Eilers and Ken
4 Schaal on receiving the Hillsboro Sertoma Club's Service to
5 Mankind Award; and

6 WHEREAS, Henry Eilers, a retired nursery owner from
7 Litchfield, and Ken Schaal, a retired teacher from Hillsboro,
8 have both been leaders in the work with the Natural Area
9 Guardians (NAGS), Shoal Creek Volunteers, and at Bremer
10 Sanctuary; and

11 WHEREAS, Henry Eilers was born in Germany; he and his wife,
12 Ursula, established H&E Nursery in Litchfield in 1960; he
13 convinced the city of Litchfield to set aside the Shoal Creek
14 Conservation Area, home to over 700 species of plants, 80
15 butterflies, and numerous species of mushrooms and birds,
16 sometimes including nesting bald eagles; he is also active at
17 Bremer Sanctuary in Hillsboro, as well as NAGS, which oversees
18 the county-owned rail trail between Hillsboro and Butler and
19 the prairie restoration area on Route 66; and

20 WHEREAS, Ken Schaal is also active in NAGS and at Bremer
21 Sanctuary, and serves on the Illinois Audubon Society's
22 sanctuary committee; he taught at Hillsboro High School from

1 1970 until retiring, and, during his tenure, established and
2 maintained the nature trail; he also helped organize the first
3 recycling efforts in Hillsboro that eventually led to the
4 establishment of Montgomery County Recycling; and

5 WHEREAS, Both men received the awards on March 22, 2012;
6 therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
8 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
9 we congratulate Henry Eilers and Ken Schaal on receiving the
10 Service to Mankind Award and wish them continued success in the
11 future; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
13 presented to Henry Eilers and Ken Schaal as a symbol of our
14 respect and esteem.