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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are pleased to recognize Jan Smith for her achievements as an environmental activist; and

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WHEREAS, She has demonstrated her dedication, passion, and volunteerism to protecting the planet and sharing her love of Mother Earth with others; and

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WHEREAS, She and her husband have lived in the same house near Armstrong Park in Carol Stream since they moved there in 1963; her garden is filled with flowers and vegetables, and fertilized with homemade compost from leaves and grass clippings; she also has 2 earthworm farms that she feeds with food scraps; and

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WHEREAS, She spent 15 years as a part-time seasonal gardener for the park district, during which time she became known for her love of native prairie plants; the Carol Stream Park District dedicated a park in her honor; she is involved with the DuPage Organic Garden Club, which she founded 41 years ago on Earth Day, and serves on the board of the Greater DuPage Chapter of the Wild Ones, a nonprofit group dedicated to natural landscaping; and

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1           WHEREAS, Before the community had convenient recycling  
2 bins, she and other members of the Carol Stream Woman's Club  
3 started a modest recycling drop-off spot in 1970; she, along  
4 with others, transported glass they collected all the way to  
5 the nearest recycling facility in Plainfield; and

6           WHEREAS, In 2009, she brought a federal grant opportunity  
7 to the attention of local officials that resulted in the  
8 village getting \$173,000 for energy-saving projects, including  
9 upgrades to the water treatment plant and installation of 10  
10 LED streetlights; and

11           WHEREAS, When the Carol Stream Park District first  
12 considered building a new recreation center, she led a petition  
13 effort requesting officials to pursue LEED certification for  
14 energy-efficient design and the park board agreed; today, she  
15 heads a local chapter of the Cool Cities Coalition, a  
16 nationwide outgrowth of the Sierra Club that seeks local  
17 solutions to global warming by partnering with government  
18 officials, businesses, and community groups; and

19           WHEREAS, She, along with the local Cool Cities chapter,  
20 encouraged the village of Carol Stream to partner with the  
21 Citizens Utility Board and its Energy Saver program to allow  
22 residents to track home electricity savings online; as a  
23 result, the Citizens Utility Board gave the village 500 compact

1 fluorescent light bulbs to give to residents; and

2 WHEREAS, When she has an issue in mind, she goes all out in  
3 a civil and polite way; she is always kind in her approach and  
4 she is persistent; what distinguishes her from other activists  
5 is she is able to create strong and personal relationships with  
6 local officials; 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 honor Jan Smith for her dedication to the environment and  
10 environmental issues and wish her the best in all her future  
11 endeavors; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
13 presented to Jan Smith as a symbol of our respect and esteem.