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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 8

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 Trail as a Scenic and Historic Route will
18 encourage residents and visitors alike to explore, appreciate,
19 and enjoy the many wonders of the Rock River; therefore, be it

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

1 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that the Rock River Trail Scenic and
2 Historic Route is 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 West Main
9 Street in Rockton;

10 (4) along West Main Street from Race Street to South
11 Blackhawk Boulevard;

12 (5) along South Blackhawk Boulevard from West Main
13 Street to Russell Street;

14 (6) along Russell Street from South Blackhawk
15 Boulevard to Old River Road;

16 (7) along Old River Road from Russell Street to Latham
17 Road;

18 (8) along Latham Road from Old River Road to Illinois
19 Route 2;

20 (9) along Illinois Route 2 from Latham Road to
21 Riverside Boulevard in Rockford;

22 (10) along Riverside Boulevard from Illinois Route 2 to
23 East Drive in Loves Park;

24 (11) along East Drive from Riverside Boulevard to
25 Evelyn Avenue;

26 (12) along Evelyn Avenue from East Drive to Pearl

1 Avenue;

2 (13) along Pearl Avenue from Evelyn Avenue to Illinois
3 Route 251;

4 (14) along Illinois Route 251 from Pearl Avenue to
5 Whitman Street;

6 (15) along Whitman Street from Illinois Route 251 to
7 North Main Street;

8 (16) along North Main Street from Illinois Route 251 to
9 Green Street;

10 (17) along Green Street from North Main Street to
11 Illinois Route 2 through the remainder of Winnebago County
12 and through Ogle County and Lee County and Whiteside County
13 to Illinois Route 40 in Sterling;

14 (18) along Illinois Route 40 from Illinois Route 2 to
15 US Route 30 in Rock Falls;

16 (19) along US Route 30 from Illinois Route 40 to Moline
17 Road;

18 (20) along Moline Road from US Route 30 to Illinois
19 Route 78 in Lyndon;

20 (21) along Illinois Route 78 from Moline Road to West
21 3rd Street in Prophetstown;

22 (22) along West 3rd Street from Illinois Route 78 to
23 Grove Street;

24 (23) along Grove Street from West 3rd Street to
25 Springhill Road (County Road 3);

26 (24) along Springhill Road from Grove Street to Banks

1 Road (County Road 13);

2 (25) along Banks Road from Springhill Road to Erie
3 Road;

4 (26) along Erie Road from Banks Road to Moline Road in
5 Erie;

6 (27) along Moline Road from Erie Road to Main Street in
7 Hillsdale;

8 (28) along Main Street from Moline Road to County Road
9 V;

10 (29) along County Road V from Main Street to County
11 Road W;

12 (30) along County Road W from County Road V to Illinois
13 Route 92;

14 (31) along Illinois Route 92 from County Road W to
15 Illinois Route 82;

16 (32) along Illinois Route 82 from Illinois Route 92 to
17 Wolf Road (County Road 2);

18 (33) along Wolf Road from Illinois Route 82 to
19 Cleveland Road;

20 (34) along Cleveland Road from Wolf Road to Illinois
21 Route 84 in Colona and the Rock Island County Loop;

22 (35) along Illinois Route 84 from Cleveland Road to US
23 Route 6;

24 (36) along US Route 6 from Illinois Route 84 to 27th
25 Street in Moline;

26 (37) along 27th Street from US Route 6 to Airport Road;

1 (38) along Airport Road from 27th Street to US Route 67
2 in Milan;

3 (39) along US Route 67 from Airport Road to 9th Street
4 in Rock Island;

5 (40) along 9th Street from US Route 67 to 31st Avenue;

6 (41) along 31st Avenue from 9th Street to trailhead at
7 Sunset Park and Marina and return on the Rock Island County
8 Loop;

9 (42) along 31st Avenue from Sunset Park and Marina to
10 9th Street;

11 (43) along 9th Street from 31st Avenue to Blackhawk
12 Road (Illinois Route 5);

13 (44) along Blackhawk Road from 9th Street to John Deere
14 Road in Moline (Illinois Route 5);

15 (45) along John Deere Road from Blackhawk Road to
16 Colona Road in Carbon Cliff;

17 (46) along Colona Road from John Deere Road to Illinois
18 Route 84; and

19 (47) along Illinois Route 84 from Colona Road to
20 Cleveland Road in Colona and the point of beginning of the
21 Rock Island County Loop; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation
23 and units of local government that maintain any portions of the
24 Rock River Trail Scenic and Historic Route are requested to
25 erect at suitable locations on their respective portions of the

1 route, consistent with State and federal regulations, plaques
2 or signs giving notice of the name; and be it further

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

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

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