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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Senate Bill 2696 of the 98th General Assembly has
3 been proposed to dissolve the Fox Waterway Agency; and

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WHEREAS, Many have significant concerns on how Senate Bill
5 2696 will negatively affect real estate values and quality of
6 life issues along the Fox River and the Chain of Lakes; and

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WHEREAS, The Fox Waterway Agency is not funded with any tax
8 dollars and the Agency's primary source of funds are user fees
9 and grants used to fund specific projects designed to improve
10 the waterways within the Agency's area, which it has been
11 undertaking successfully since its founding in 1984; and

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WHEREAS, The Fox Waterway Agency has been successfully
13 working with the State to provide dredging and related services
14 to the waterway and boating public, and no State department is
15 currently equipped to handle such tasks; and

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WHEREAS, On average, the Fox Waterway Agency annually
17 dredges 100,000 cubic yards of silt from the waterway to
18 provide boater access to the water; and

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WHEREAS, The Fox Waterway Agency, being a local government
20 body, has been able to focus specifically on the Chain of

1 Lakes, its 45 miles of waterways, and over 30 bodies of water,
2 and to quickly address issues arising within the Chain of Lakes
3 to continually enhance the quality of the Chain of Lakes; and

4 WHEREAS, The Fox Waterway Agency has been implementing
5 necessary and reasonable rules to improve and maintain the
6 recreational boating resources of the waterway area to help
7 control flooding of land adjacent to the waterways and prevent
8 waterway pollution, to enhance or improve the quality of the
9 waterway, and to promote tourism; and

10 WHEREAS, Senate Bill 2696 seeks to dissolve the Fox
11 Waterway Agency, an agency made up of dedicated local officials
12 who are in the best position to make relevant decisions and
13 react quickly to best serve the people who the Fox Waterway and
14 Chain of Lakes serves; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
16 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
17 we object to the passage and enactment of Senate Bill 2696 and
18 encourage all Illinois State Legislators to vote against the
19 bill; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to the Fox Waterway Agency Chairman Wayne D. Blake.