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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois General Assembly wish
3 to congratulate the administration and employees of the McHenry
4 County Conservation District for its recent receipt of an
5 Intergovernmental Cooperation Award, given by the Illinois
6 Association of Park Districts; and

7 WHEREAS, The McHenry County Conservation District was
8 honored in the Intergovernmental Cooperation category for its
9 partnership with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service's
10 Hackmatack National Wildlife Refuge; and

11 WHEREAS, The Hackmatack National Wildlife Refuge was
12 established in 2012; the Refuge includes 11,200 acres of
13 habitat for wildlife and outdoor recreational opportunities in
14 northeastern Illinois and southeastern Wisconsin; and

15 WHEREAS, The Illinois Association of Park Districts'
16 Intergovernmental Cooperation Award recognizes park districts,
17 forest preserves, conservation agencies, recreation and
18 special recreation agencies, and the units of government with
19 which they have agreements that have created successful
20 partnerships to efficiently use tax dollars and benefit
21 residents throughout a community; and

1 WHEREAS, The McHenry County Conservation District competed
2 against many other park districts, forest preserves, and
3 conservation and recreation agencies across the State in order
4 to win this prestigious award; and

5 WHEREAS, The Intergovernmental Cooperation Award was
6 presented on October 24, 2014 during a banquet at the Wheeling
7 Park District's Chevy Chase Country Club; and

8 WHEREAS, The award gives recognition to an agency that
9 serves as a model for others; and

10 WHEREAS, The McHenry County Conservation District was
11 created by a group of ecologically conscientious citizens in
12 1971; the District's mission is to preserve, restore, and
13 manage natural areas and open spaces for their intrinsic value
14 and for the benefits to present and future generations; and

15 WHEREAS, The District owns or manages over 25,000 acres of
16 open land, which is diverse with woodlands, prairies, wetlands,
17 ponds, creeks, and rivers; 33 sites are open to the public
18 throughout the entire year; the sites feature trails, picnic
19 shelters, camp sites, fishing sites, rare plant and animal
20 examples, and educational facilities; and

21 WHEREAS, Within the District's sites, there are 17

1 dedicated State Nature Preserves; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
3 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
4 we congratulate the administration and employees of the McHenry
5 County Conservation District on their fine cooperative work
6 done in partnership with the United States Fish and Wildlife
7 Service's Hackmatack National Wildlife Refuge; and be it
8 further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
10 presented to the McHenry County Conservation District's Board
11 of Trustees as an expression of our congratulations and
12 appreciation for the work they do in maintaining and preserving
13 open space and recreational opportunities for the citizens of
14 McHenry County and the State of Illinois.