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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The McHenry County Conservation District owns and manages the North Branch Conservation Area, formerly owned by the Eldredge family, where 2 separate tragedies befell a pair of brothers while serving as State conservation officers years apart; and

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WHEREAS, Brothers G. Earle Eldredge and Charles Marcus Eldredge were employed by the Illinois Department of Resources and Conservation; and

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WHEREAS, Game Warden G. Earle Eldredge served with distinction for 7 years until February 24, 1907 when he was shot while investigating a report of poachers on the family's game reserve near today's Village of Richmond; and

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WHEREAS, Charles Marcus Eldredge was a successful attorney, elected to the Illinois General Assembly in 1896, and later became an inspector for the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, serving for 24 years; and

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WHEREAS, Charles Marcus Eldredge devoted his time to finding and prosecuting his brother's murderer and carried with him the gun of his brother to remind him at all times of his personal mission; and

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1           WHEREAS, Charles Marcus Eldredge was found dead in 1931 at  
2 an entrance leading to a nature preserve near the site of his  
3 brother's murder in 1907, with the same gun having been used in  
4 the murder of both brothers; and

5           WHEREAS, Both men are the only Illinois Department of  
6 Natural Resource and Conservation Officers to have been  
7 murdered in the line of duty; and

8           WHEREAS, Both men have been recognized at the Illinois  
9 Department of Natural Resources, the Illinois Police Officers  
10 Memorial, and the National Memorial in Washington, D.C.; and

11           WHEREAS, Both men had their family roots tied to the  
12 McHenry County community and both died on McHenry County soil  
13 while in the line of duty; therefore, be it

14           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL  
15 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
16 CONCURRING HEREIN, that we recognize G. Earle Eldredge and  
17 Charles Marcus Eldredge for their service and sacrifice; and be  
18 it further

19           RESOLVED, That the Department of Natural Resources is  
20 requested to erect at suitable locations within the nature

1 preserve at Nippersink Creek, consistent with State and federal  
2 regulations, signage in remembrance of both G. Earle Eldredge  
3 and Charles Marcus Eldredge; and be it further

4       RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
5 delivered to both the Department of Natural Resources and the  
6 McHenry County Board.