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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to recognize eight years of
4 partnership and cooperation between the Canton Park District
5 and the Department of Natural Resources; and

6 WHEREAS, The Canton Park District manages 1,403 acres of
7 open space to enhance the quality of life within the community;
8 it has seen steady growth in both land holdings and facility
9 development; and

10 WHEREAS, The Canton Park District serves a base population
11 of 17,000 individuals, and offers many unique and varied
12 recreational opportunities to meet the leisure needs of its
13 constituents; and

14 WHEREAS, The Canton Park District offers many recreational
15 activities, including a one-half mile hiking trail, an
16 accessible playground, and a facility for the annual Central
17 Illinois Youth Goose Hunt, which gives kids an opportunity to
18 help the community reduce the local goose population with the
19 help of local hunters; and

20 WHEREAS, Lakeland Park is an example of positive
21 cooperation between local, State, and federal agencies and the

1 private sector; the park is a showcase of the recreational
2 potential of reclaimed coal strip-mined lands; and

3 WHEREAS, Fulton County has a rich history as a major coal
4 mining area and has been a beacon of conservation; Lakeland
5 Park now contains over 5 miles of hiking trails, picnic
6 shelters, fishing opportunities, scuba diving, and natural
7 areas because of the partnership between the Department of
8 Natural resources and the Canton Park District; therefore, be
9 it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
11 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
12 recognize the Canton Park District's outstanding performance
13 and its eight years of partnership and cooperation with the
14 Illinois Department of Natural Resources; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to the Canton Park District and its members as a
17 symbol of our respect and esteem.