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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, All-terrain vehicles are used by many Americans
3 for recreation and work-related activities; and

4 WHEREAS, Many national forests and recreational areas,
5 including Hiawatha National Forest, Huron-Manistee National
6 Forest, and Ottawa National Forest in Michigan, Land Between
7 the Lakes in Kentucky, Cherokee National Forest in Tennessee,
8 Wayne National Forest in Ohio, and Allegheny National Forest in
9 Pennsylvania, allow the use of all-terrain vehicles on forest
10 trails; and

11 WHEREAS, Currently, the use of all-terrain vehicles in
12 Shawnee National Forest is only available through a disability
13 permit program; and

14 WHEREAS, Shawnee National Forest features numerous areas
15 for riding horses, including the Burden Fall Wilderness, the
16 Camp Cadiz Campground, One Horse Gap Lake, the Bald Knob Cross
17 Trail, the Johnson Creek Recreation Area, the Kinkaid Lake
18 Trail System, the Little Grand Canyon, and the Panther Den
19 Wilderness, but many members of the public have expressed their
20 wish to have greater opportunities for horse riding within
21 Shawnee National Forest; and

1 WHEREAS, The creation of trails for the general use of
2 all-terrain vehicles in Shawnee National Forest and the
3 expansion of horse trails in the national forest would generate
4 large amounts of State revenue and prove to be a boon for
5 tourism for Shawnee National Forest, southern Illinois, and the
6 State at large; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
8 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
9 urge the United States Forest Service to allow the use of
10 all-terrain vehicles in Shawnee National Forest, expand the
11 existing system of horse trails, and explore additional ways to
12 allow greater recreational use of Shawnee National Forest for
13 the recreational and economic benefit of the citizens of the
14 State of Illinois; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 delivered to Thomas L. Tidwell, Chief of the United States
17 Forest Service.