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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, On August 2, 2015, Wildwood in Lake County was hit
3 by a tornado; and

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WHEREAS, In the face of this disaster, the Youth
5 Conservation Corps, staffed by Tom Berry, Bill Foltz, Tyrone
6 McGee, Marvin Reddick, Ben Richards, Robert Shears, and Fred
7 Williams, went to work to help those who were in desperate need
8 of support; and

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WHEREAS, The Youth Conservation Corps is a summer
employment program that brings together young adults ages 15 to
18 in an effort to restore and protect natural parks; while
their work projects typically involve tasks such as the removal
of invasive plants and habitat preservation, when called upon
during this crisis, they proved to be capable of much more; and

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WHEREAS, After the tornado hit, these young leaders, whose
members included Ragean Anderson, Julian Amos, Cody Bond, Chris
Coburn, Emanuel Cruz, Irene Hernandez, Jose Lopez, Kwentin
Mayfield, Sierra Riley, Joshua Robles, Daviontae Sims, Tamera
Wallace, and Dale Watson, jumped into action, clearing fallen
debris and helping members of the community cope with what had
just happened; and

1 WHEREAS, To date, these 13 Youth Conservation Corps members
2 and 7 Youth Conservation Corps staff have engaged in over 250
3 service hours and positively impacted not only the 11 homes
4 which they helped clear, but also a large park operated by the
5 Wildwood Park District; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
7 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
8 thank the members of the Youth Conservation Corps for their
9 efforts in the aftermath of the tornado in Wildwood, not only
10 on behalf of the residents whose houses they cleared, but also
11 on behalf of the entire community of Wildwood and the citizens
12 of this State; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to the Youth Conservation Corps as a symbol of our
15 thanks and appreciation for their service to the Wildwood
16 community and the State of Illinois.