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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 330

2 WHEREAS, The Illinois Endangered Species Act makes it 3 unlawful for any person to possess or transport any animal 4 species which occurs on the Illinois Endangered and Threatened 5 Species List; and

6 WHEREAS, Under the Illinois Wildlife Code, it is illegal to 7 possess, transport, or care for sick, injured, or orphaned 8 wildlife in Illinois unless you have a permit from the 9 Department of Natural Resources; and

10 WHEREAS, Members of the public sometimes find sick, 11 injured, or orphaned animals in the wild; and

12 WHEREAS, The public is not always aware of the laws 13 prohibiting possession or transport of protected animals; 14 therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL 16 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge the Department 17 of Natural Resources to administer a public education campaign 18 that informs the public about the exact steps to take if a 19 sick, injured, or orphaned animal is encountered in the wild; 20 and be it further 09900SR0330 Enrolled -2- LRB099 11651 MST 33450 r RESOLVED, That we urge the Department of Natural Resources to increase public education outreach in the months of March and April when infant animals are mistaken as orphaned and should be left as they were found; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That we support the Department of Natural 6 Resources entering into public-private partnerships for the 7 purpose of developing and sharing educational materials such as 8 posters, videos, programs, advertisements, and public service 9 announcements; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That we support public-private collaboration in 11 the dissemination of said educational materials to places such 12 as schools, public and private newsletters, public and private 13 websites, and television and radio stations.