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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to congratulate The Nature Conservancy on  
4 the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the Emiquon Preserve;  
5 and

6 WHEREAS, The Emiquon Preserve, located along the Illinois  
7 River near Lewistown in Fulton County, is one of the largest  
8 floodplain restoration projects in the Midwest and a shining  
9 example of ecological renewal and conservation success; and

10 WHEREAS, Over the past 25 years, The Nature Conservancy  
11 has worked in close partnership with federal, state, and local  
12 agencies, universities, community organizations, and  
13 volunteers to return Emiquon to a thriving landscape rich in  
14 biodiversity and environmental value; and

15 WHEREAS, The Emiquon Preserve has become a globally  
16 recognized model for large-scale restoration, supporting  
17 hundreds of species of birds, fish, and wildlife, including  
18 many that are rare or threatened, and offering vital habitat  
19 along the Mississippi Flyway; and

20 WHEREAS, The Emiquon Preserve, in partnership with  
21 institutions such as the University of Illinois Springfield

1 and the Illinois Natural History Survey, serves as a living  
2 laboratory for scientific research and innovation, and the  
3 preserve has contributed to significant advances in ecological  
4 science and conservation management; and

5 WHEREAS, In addition to its environmental importance, the  
6 Emiquon Preserve is a valued community asset, providing public  
7 access for bird-watching, hiking, fishing, and educational  
8 opportunities that connect people to nature and inspire  
9 stewardship of our natural world; and

10 WHEREAS, The Nature Conservancy's 25th anniversary of the  
11 Emiquon Preserve represents a profound commitment to  
12 conservation, collaboration, and hope for the future of  
13 Illinois' wetlands, rivers, and wildlife; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
15 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
16 we congratulate The Nature Conservancy on the 25th anniversary  
17 of the Emiquon Preserve, and we commend its staff, partners,  
18 and supporters for their vision, dedication, and  
19 accomplishments in restoring and protecting one of Illinois'  
20 most important natural treasures; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
22 presented to The Nature Conservancy as an expression of our

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1 esteem and respect.