



SR0529

LRB104 16640 LAW 30043 r

1

SENATE RESOLUTION

2

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate wish to
3 congratulate Citizens for Conservation (CFC) on the occasion
4 of its 55th anniversary; and

5

WHEREAS, CFC, founded in Barrington in 1971, is a
6 volunteer-powered nonprofit dedicated to the motto, "Saving
7 Living Space for Living Things"; for over a half century, the
8 nonprofit has transformed the Barrington area into a beacon of
9 community-driven conservation through protecting vital open
10 space, restoring native ecosystems, and inspiring people of
11 all ages to care for the land; and

12

WHEREAS, From its earliest days as a small grassroots
13 group, CFC has embraced a bold vision that ordinary community
14 members, working together, could revive nearly vanished
15 prairies, savannas, wetlands, and woodlands in the region; in
16 the mid-1980s, when restoration ecology was still emerging,
17 the organization began pioneering ambitious restoration
18 techniques, setting new standards for ecological integrity; by
19 seeking rare remnant seed sources and cultivating
20 local-ecotype diversity, the nonprofit created extraordinary
21 restorations, including Grigsby Prairie and Flint Creek
22 Savanna, that today stand among the most ecologically rich and
23 admired in the region; and

1 WHEREAS, CFC has helped spark collaborative restoration
2 across Cook, Lake, and McHenry counties as a founding member
3 of the multi-county Barrington Greenways Initiative; for
4 decades, the organization has generously shared hundreds of
5 thousands of dollars' worth of native seed that is collected
6 from its preserves with partner groups, enabling dramatic
7 habitat improvements, such as restoring large portions of the
8 Spring Creek Forest Preserve, that now in turn supports the
9 nonprofit's expanding preserve system and includes the
10 232-acre Hill 'N Dale Preserve; and

11 WHEREAS, Over its 55-year history, CFC has more than
12 doubled the land it has protected, stewarding 732 acres of
13 prairie, wetland, and woodland habitats, collected nearly
14 10,000 pounds of native seed over years, representing an
15 astonishing \$2.5 million in ecological value, reintroduced
16 more than 300 native plant species, which have in turn helped
17 restore local landscapes both on CFC sites and county forest
18 preserves, placed over 500,000 natives plants into community
19 hands, and continued to inspire future conservation leaders
20 through offering public bird walks, ongoing education
21 programs, and a summer internship program; and

22 WHEREAS, CFC's impact has been made possible by the
23 organization's unwavering belief in the power of people; its

1 volunteer-led model allows for meticulous, long-term
2 stewardship that follows nature's pace rather than short-term
3 funding cycles; week after week, the nonprofit's volunteers,
4 staff, and partners work side by side, restoring land,
5 learning together, and cultivating the next generation of
6 conservationists; and

7 WHEREAS, Today, CFC stands as a model, showing that a
8 dedicated community can achieve vibrant native habitats,
9 flourishing biodiversity, and land renewed through shared
10 purpose and perseverance; through land protection, ecological
11 restoration, and education, the organization continues to
12 build a healthier, more resilient landscape, ensuring that
13 living space for living things endures for generations to
14 come; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL
16 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate
17 Citizens for Conservation (CFC) on achieving its 55th
18 anniversary, and we wish the nonprofit continued success in
19 its endeavors; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to CFC as an expression of our esteem and respect.