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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Elizabeth Kessler has dedicated her more than 35 year career to promoting and preserving parks and recreation on the regional, state, and national levels; and

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WHEREAS, Elizabeth Kessler currently serves the community as the executive director of the McHenry County Conservation District; while serving McHenry County, she has overseen many successful endeavors, including a successful \$73 million voter-approved referendum, the protection of 5,600 acres of land, the opening of 14 sites with public access and outdoor amenities, the addition of 12 miles of regional trails, the welcoming of over 1 million annual site visitors, and the opening of the Lost Valley Visitor Center, which is the county's first gold-level LEED-certified public building; and

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WHEREAS, Continuing her commitment to McHenry County, Elizabeth Kessler serves as an advisor to the McHenry County Conservation Foundation, sits on the board of Visit McHenry County, and serves as chair of Chicago Wilderness; she is a past member of the board of directors of the Park and Recreation Administration, past president of the National Recreation and Park Association, and past chair of the Illinois Park and Recreation Association; she served as the 2020 chair of the Illinois Park and Recreation Association

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1 Forest Preserve and Conservation District Task Force and as a
2 member of the Illinois Association of Conservation and Forest
3 Preserve Districts; and

4 WHEREAS, The Illinois Park and Recreation Association
5 recently honored Elizabeth Kessler with the Robert Artz
6 Lifetime Achievement Award to recognize her decades of service
7 and commitment to parks, recreation, and conservation in
8 Illinois; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
10 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
11 we congratulate Elizabeth Kessler for receiving the Robert
12 Artz Lifetime Achievement Award and thank her for her many
13 years of promoting conservation in Illinois; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
15 presented to Elizabeth Kessler as a symbol of our esteem and
16 respect.