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1                                    AMENDMENT TO HOUSE RESOLUTION 149

2            AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_ . Amend House Resolution 149 by deleting  
3 everything after the heading and replacing it with the  
4 following:

5            "WHEREAS, The Illinois Natural Areas Preservation Act was  
6 passed on August 28, 1963, establishing the Illinois Nature  
7 Preserves System; and

8            WHEREAS, Illinois Nature Preserves contribute to the  
9 public health and welfare and the environmental quality of the  
10 State; and

11            WHEREAS, This visionary law protecting Illinois Natural  
12 Areas was a model that many other states followed; and

13            WHEREAS, The Illinois Nature Preserves System protects 622  
14 preserves, totaling 121,492 acres; and

1           WHEREAS, Illinois Nature Preserves are habitats for rare,  
2 vanishing, threatened, and endangered species; and

3           WHEREAS, Illinois Nature Preserves are of value for  
4 scientific research and teaching, and they are especially  
5 valuable as reservoirs of gene pools that may not survive  
6 anywhere else and of which not all potential uses are known;  
7 and

8           WHEREAS, Illinois Nature Preserves are places of historic  
9 and natural interest and scenic beauty; they are living  
10 museums of the native landscape wherein one may experience  
11 primeval conditions in a wilderness-like environment; and

12           WHEREAS, The Illinois Nature Preserve System is an  
13 enduring resource for people of present and future  
14 generations; and

15           WHEREAS, The Illinois Nature Preserve System will be  
16 marking its 60th year in 2023; therefore, be it

17           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
18 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
19 we declare August of 2023 as Illinois Nature Preserve Month in  
20 the State of Illinois; and be it further

1           RESOLVED, That we continue to value the protection and  
2 ecological stewardship of Illinois Nature Preserves; and be it  
3 further

4           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
5 presented to the Illinois Nature Preserves Commission and the  
6 Friends of Illinois Nature Preserves as a symbol of our  
7 respect and esteem."