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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The Bald Eagle was designated as the United  
3 States' National Emblem on June 20, 1782, by our country's  
4 founding fathers at the Second Continental Congress; and

5           WHEREAS, The Bald Eagle is unique to North America and  
6 represents such American values and attributes as freedom,  
7 courage, strength, spirit, justice, quality, and excellence;  
8 and

9           WHEREAS, The Bald Eagle is the central image used in the  
10 Great Seal of the United States and in the logos of many  
11 branches of the U.S. government, including the Office of the  
12 President; Congress; the Departments of Defense, Commerce,  
13 Treasury, Justice, and State; and the United States Postal  
14 Service; and

15           WHEREAS, The Bald Eagle's image, meaning and symbolism have  
16 played a significant role in the beliefs, traditions,  
17 religions, lifestyles, and heritage of Americans from all walks  
18 of life, including United States military service men and  
19 women, American Indians, Christians, and members of various  
20 civic, fraternal, patriotic, veterans, youth, conservation,  
21 educational, outdoors, nature, sportsmen, wildlife, political,  
22 and sports organizations; and

1           WHEREAS, The Bald Eagle's image, meaning, and symbolism  
2           have played a significant role in American art, music,  
3           literature, architecture, commerce, education, culture, and on  
4           U.S. stamps, currency, and coinage; and

5           WHEREAS, The Bald Eagle was once endangered with possible  
6           extinction but is now making a gradual and encouraging comeback  
7           to America's skies; and

8           WHEREAS, The Bald Eagle was federally classified as an  
9           "endangered species" in the lower 48 states under the  
10          Endangered Species Act in 1973, and was then upgraded to a less  
11          imperiled "threatened" status under that Act in 1995; and

12          WHEREAS, The Bald Eagle is expected to be delisted from  
13          Endangered Species Act protection in 2007 by the Department of  
14          Interior and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, but will  
15          continue to be protected under the Bald and Golden Eagle Act of  
16          1940 and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918; and

17          WHEREAS, The recovery of the American Bald Eagle population  
18          was largely accomplished due to the vigilant efforts of  
19          numerous caring agencies, corporations, organizations and  
20          citizens; therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
2           NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
3           proclaim June 20, 2007, and every year thereafter as American  
4           Eagle Day in the State of Illinois; and be it further

5           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
6           presented to Girl Scout Troop 1128 of Crystal Lake, Illinois,  
7           as a symbol of our appreciation of their efforts in presenting  
8           this recognition of the Bald Eagle to the General Assembly.