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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate the Shawnee Muskie
4 Hunters on the occasion of receiving a 2007 Outstanding
5 Volunteer of the Year Award from the Illinois Department of
6 Natural Resources; and

7 WHEREAS, The Illinois Department of Natural Resources
8 Outstanding Volunteer of the Year Awards are presented each
9 year to individuals and organizations for exceptional
10 volunteer service to the department and the people of the State
11 of Illinois; the recipients of these awards exhibit great
12 dedication to IDNR and to the people of Illinois, whether it be
13 devoting time to help IDNR staff manage public land, provide
14 visitor services, or perform educational outreach; and

15 WHEREAS, The Shawnee Muskie Hunters are the Kinkaid Lake
16 chapter of Muskies, Inc.; the club has approximately 75 muskie
17 fishing enthusiasts; and

18 WHEREAS, Throughout the last 10 years, the Shawnee Muskie
19 Hunters have helped the Illinois Muskie Alliance purchase a
20 youth fishing educational trailer for IDNR; they have donated
21 funds to repair nets and purchase trap nets, as well as a
22 digital camera, fish feeders, PIT tags and readers, and a new

1 E-TEC outboard motor for an IDNR fisheries biologist; the group
2 sponsors a kids fishing program and annual lake clean up every
3 year, in which tons of garbage are removed from Kinkaid Lake;
4 the group's members are currently looking into purchasing
5 hybrid muskies for Eagle Lake in the Peabody River King State
6 Fish and Wildlife Area near New Athens in St. Clair County, a
7 new muskie lake for Illinois that was recently approved by IDNR
8 for a hybrid stocking program; the club will help support this
9 effort and will help monitor its success with the support of
10 IDNR; and

11 WHEREAS, The Shawnee Muskie Hunters' dedication to the
12 environment and willingness to serve their community make them
13 particularly deserving of this award; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
15 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
16 congratulate the Shawnee Muskie Hunters for receiving the 2007
17 Outstanding Volunteer of the Year Award and wish the members
18 continued success and happiness in the future; and be it
19 further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to a representative of the Shawnee Muskie Hunters as
22 a symbol of our esteem and respect.