HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Winnebago County Soil and Water Conservation District celebrated its 70th anniversary in May of 2010; and

WHEREAS, The Winnebago County Soil and Water Conservation District was originally formed as the Pecatonica-Durand Soil Conservation District in May of 1940 with the prime objective of controlling soil erosion on farmland; today the focus is also on erosion in urban areas as well as water quality, water protection, and water management; and

WHEREAS, The Winnebago County Soil and Water Conservation District works with the Conservation Reserve Program; the program takes highly erodible land out of production and restores it to grasses or native vegetation; wetland restoration is also a part of the program; and

WHEREAS, In addition, the Winnebago County Soil and Water Conservation District also does soil testing, reports on changes on zoning within Winnebago County and surrounding municipalities, holds an annual spring tree sale; and

WHEREAS, The Winnebago County Soil and Water Conservation District also tests groundwater quality, including the annual testing of well water and working with the Winnebago County

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Health Department; the District conducts inspections of construction sites for erosion issues that may arise, as well as many other day-to-day functions; and

WHEREAS, The Winnebago County Soil and Water Conservation District also provides educational materials to schools and make classroom visits to discuss various topics; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate everyone involved with the Winnebago County Soil and Water Conservation District and wish them the best on this anniversary; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the Winnebago County Soil and Water Conservation District as a symbol of our respect.

