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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, There is a need to educate our youth of the
3 importance of protecting and conserving Illinois's precious
4 natural resources; and

5 WHEREAS, By combining in-class curriculum and hands-on
6 field experiences, the Envirothon program is an excellent way
7 to supplement environmental education inside and outside the
8 traditional classroom; and

9 WHEREAS, The Envirothon is a hands-on environmental
10 problem-solving competition for high school-aged students in
11 the United States and Canada; and

12 WHEREAS, The Envirothon works in partnership with local
13 conservation districts, forestry associations, educators, and
14 cooperating natural resource agencies to organize and conduct
15 competitions on the local, regional, state, and/or provincial
16 level; and

17 WHEREAS, Illinois is an active participant in the
18 International Envirothon Competition; and

19 WHEREAS, Envirothon participants gain valuable knowledge
20 and training in ecology and natural resource management

1 principles, and practices, and the importance and limitations
2 of soils, wildlife, aquatic ecosystems, forestry, and current
3 important environmental issues; and

4 WHEREAS, The Illinois Envirothon has been responsible for
5 more than 18,000 participating high school students being
6 taught these important natural resource principles and issues
7 since 1995; and

8 WHEREAS, It is important that the citizens of Illinois
9 recognize the contributions of this event toward training our
10 youth to be responsible caretakers of the State's precious
11 natural resources; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
13 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
14 we designate May 1, 2014 as Envirothon Day throughout Illinois
15 to bring recognition to the activities of the Envirothon
16 program.