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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The Mahomet Aquifer is an aquifer located in east-central Illinois; the aquifer covers an area of over 4,000 square miles in Champaign, DeWitt, Ford, Iroquois, Logan, Macon, McLean, Piatt, Sangamon, Tazewell, and Vermilion counties; and

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WHEREAS, The Mahomet Aquifer is a vital source of drinking water for the residents of east-central Illinois, as well as a source for irrigation and industrial use water; and

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WHEREAS, The Mahomet Aquifer supplies, on average, 340 million gallons per day of clean consumable water; and

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WHEREAS, The population of east-central Illinois residents who depend on the Mahomet Aquifer is expected to grow from a current total of 100,000 to 900,000 by 2050; and

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WHEREAS, Any pollution or contamination of the water of the Mahomet Aquifer would be detrimental to all of the residents of east-central Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, The United States Environmental Protection Agency is responsible for designating aquifers as Sole Source Aquifers, which helps to protect aquifers from

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1 federally-funded projects that may contaminate groundwater;
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3 WHEREAS, The Mahomet Aquifer is too important of a source
4 of consumable water for the residents of east-central Illinois
5 to be compromised by potential contamination; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
7 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
8 we urge the United States Environmental Protection Agency to
9 classify the Mahomet Aquifer as a Sole Source Aquifer in order
10 protect the residents of east-central Illinois and ensure they
11 have clean drinking water for future generations; and be it
12 further

13 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution are
14 presented to United States Environmental Protection Agency
15 Region 5 Coordinator William Spaulding, the members of the
16 Illinois congressional delegation, and the Governor.