

## 1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of  
3 the State of Illinois are pleased to recognize citizens of  
4 the State who work for the betterment of Illinois; and

5 WHEREAS, It has come to our attention that Connie and  
6 Jerry Heinrich of Wilmington were named Volunteer of the Year  
7 for the 20-state Eastern Region of the U.S. Forest Service;  
8 the region includes 12 million acres including 15 national  
9 forests and Midewin Nation Tallgrass Prairie; and

10 WHEREAS, The Heinrichs have volunteered at Midewin since  
11 it's inception; they were part of an early open space  
12 planning commission for the Joliet arsenal and then the  
13 Joliet Arsenal Prairie Parklands Alliance which was renamed  
14 the Midewin Prairie Alliance and includes the volunteer  
15 group, Friends of Midewin; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Heinrich serves as vice-president and is a  
17 former president of the Midewin Alliance and Mrs. Heinrich  
18 has served six years as the group's treasurer; they also have  
19 been involved as local officers of the Sierra Club for the  
20 past 15 years, Mrs. Heinrich as secretary and Mr. Heinrich as  
21 the Midewin liaison; Mr. Heinrich also served as an  
22 environmental advisor on Governor George Ryan's transition  
23 team; therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
25 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
26 we commend Connie and Jerry Heinrich for their exemplary  
27 volunteer service at the Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie  
28 and congratulate them on being named Volunteer of the Year;  
29 and be it further

30 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
31 presented to Connie and Jerry Heinrich with our appreciation

1 for their dedication and service.