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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are pleased to congratulate the administration and staff of the Lincoln Park Zoo on the occasion of the opening of the zoo's Nature Boardwalk and thank them for their work in their community; and

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WHEREAS, The Lincoln Park Zoo created the Nature Boardwalk from a dilapidated man-made pond in order to create a model urban ecosystem that will serve as an oasis both for native wildlife and for people that visit the pond; and

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WHEREAS, The Nature Boardwalk will provide shelter to native fish, provide shade, food, and habitat for local wildlife through 100 newly-planted trees and acres of prairie and wetland grasses and plants, and give the public maximum access to the serene environment through an estimated half-mile of boardwalk that surrounds the entire body of water; approximately 20 painted turtles will be carefully introduced to Nature Boardwalk in 2010 and surveillance programs for the black crowned night heron and other species will be introduced; the zoo will also conduct fish and wildlife surveys at the boardwalk; and

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WHEREAS, The Nature Boardwalk will also host a number of

1 activities for its visitors, including daily tours and talks,
2 numerous hands-on opportunities to learn and interact with the
3 surroundings, and new adult and family-oriented special
4 programs, such as yoga classes and a family overnight camping
5 program; and

6 WHEREAS, The administration and staff of the Lincoln Park
7 Zoo serve as models of hard work, integrity, and dedication for
8 the people of the State of Illinois and have created a new
9 standard for conservation efforts in the State of Illinois and
10 the world at large; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
12 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
13 congratulate the administration and staff of the Lincoln Park
14 Zoo on the occasion of the opening of the zoo's Nature
15 Boardwalk, thank them for the wonderful work they have
16 performed in their community, and wish them continued success
17 and happiness in the future; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to the Lincoln Park Zoo as a symbol of our esteem and
20 respect.