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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The Mahomet Aquifer system is an underground layer of water-bearing sand and gravel that fills a wide bedrock valley in all or parts of 14 east-central Illinois counties; the aquifer system is the source of approximately 53 million gallons of water every year for 120 public water systems and thousands of rural wells that serve about 500,000 people; and

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WHEREAS, More than half of the population in east-central Illinois relies on the Mahomet Aquifer system as a source of their drinking water; and

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WHEREAS, On March 11, 2015, the United States Environmental Protection Agency designated a portion of the Mahomet Aquifer system as a Sole Source Aquifer; this designation requires the Environmental Protection Agency to review any projects within the designated area that receive federal funding to assess the likelihood of potential contamination; and

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WHEREAS, This designation will ensure that the aquifer remains unpolluted and that the water contained within can be utilized by the residents of the area indefinitely; therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE

1 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
2 thank the United States Environmental Protection Agency for
3 classifying the Mahomet Aquifer as a Sole Source Aquifer and
4 applaud the agency's efforts to protect vital sources of water
5 for Illinois residents; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 delivered to United States Environmental Protection Agency
8 Region 5 Coordinator William Spaulding.