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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Pollinator species are on the decline globally
3 due to loss of habitat, general weather trends, and altering
4 plant life cycles; and

5 WHEREAS, Illinois is home to many pollinator species,
6 including butterflies, bumblebees, beetles, and birds, that
7 feed upon the sweet nectar produced by various flowering
8 plants; and

9 WHEREAS, The conservation of Illinois' pollinator
10 population is of the utmost importance due to their link to the
11 health and success of the Illinois agricultural food chain,
12 plant vitality, biodiversity, and the enhancement of the
13 natural beauty of the State; and

14 WHEREAS, One of the most widely known pollinators in
15 Illinois is the Monarch Butterfly, whose young consume
16 milkweed plants, and the insect can often found be across the
17 State, ranging from prairies and meadows to wetlands and
18 woodlands; and

19 WHEREAS, It is the policy of Illinois to encourage native,
20 pollinator-friendly practices through the preference of
21 planting native prairie and forage plants when and where

1 practical; and

2 WHEREAS, Pollinator-friendly practices often include the
3 planting and cultivation of native plants and the reduction of
4 pesticide use; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
6 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
7 we urge the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, in
8 conjunction with the Illinois Department of Agriculture, to
9 increase conservation efforts and to delay seasonal cutting of
10 milkweed and other pollinator enhancement plants along
11 Illinois waterways until August; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
13 delivered to Director Natalie Phelps Finnie of the Illinois
14 Department of Natural Resources and Director Jerry Costello II
15 of the Illinois Department of Agriculture.