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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate the Illinois Nature
4 Preserves Commission and Northern Illinois University on the
5 occasion of the 60th anniversary of the dedication of Pine
6 Rock Nature Preserve; and

7 WHEREAS, The Illinois Natural Areas Preservation Act
8 created a system for preserving and protecting areas of the
9 State as a part of the heritage of the people of Illinois; and

10 WHEREAS, Illinois Nature Preserves are of value for
11 scientific research, for teaching, as reservoirs of natural
12 materials with potential uses yet to be discovered, as
13 habitats for rare and vanishing species, as places of historic
14 and natural interest and scenic beauty, and as living museums
15 of the native landscape wherein one may envision and
16 experience primeval conditions in a wilderness-like
17 environment; and

18 WHEREAS, Illinois Nature Preserves contribute generally to
19 the public health, the welfare, and the environmental quality
20 of the State; and

21 WHEREAS, Pine Rock Nature Preserve, located in Ogle

1 County, was officially established in 1966 to protect and
2 conserve its dry upland black oak forest and savanna, mesic
3 and wet-mesic prairie, and the St. Peter sandstone geological
4 formation; and

5 WHEREAS, Pine Rock Nature Preserve provides critical
6 habitat for a diverse array of plant and animal species,
7 including big bluestem grass and various sedges; and

8 WHEREAS, Pine Rock Nature Preserve offers opportunities
9 for hiking, nature observation, birdwatching, and
10 environmental education, allowing residents and visitors to
11 experience the preserve's diverse natural landscapes of
12 bluff-top forest, savanna, and open prairie; and

13 WHEREAS, The stewardship of Pine Rock Nature Preserve has
14 been supported by dedicated local partners, community members,
15 and conservation advocates, with additional support from
16 organizations such as the Illinois Nature Preserves Commission
17 and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources; and

18 WHEREAS, Over the past 60 years, Pine Rock Nature Preserve
19 has contributed to the protection of Illinois' natural
20 heritage and serves as a valuable natural resource for the
21 residents of Ogle County; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
2 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
3 we congratulate the Illinois Nature Preserves Commission and
4 Northern Illinois University on the 60th anniversary of the
5 dedication of Pine Rock Nature Preserve and commend the
6 organizations' ongoing commitment to conservation, education,
7 and stewardship; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
9 presented to the Illinois Nature Preserves Commission and
10 Northern Illinois University as a symbol of our respect and
11 esteem.