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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to congratulate the Solid Waste Agency of  
4 Lake County (SWALCO) on the historic occasion of its 35th  
5 anniversary; and

6 WHEREAS, SWALCO was formed in 1991 to implement the Lake  
7 County Solid Waste Management Plan, which was adopted in 1989  
8 when Lake County proudly became the first county in Illinois  
9 to comply with the Illinois Solid Waste Planning and Recycling  
10 Act; and

11 WHEREAS, In June 2026, SWALCO will officially celebrate  
12 its 35th anniversary, marking over three decades of steadfast  
13 dedication to sustainable environmental stewardship and  
14 regional waste management excellence in Illinois; and

15 WHEREAS, SWALCO is currently composed of 45 dedicated  
16 members, including local municipalities, Lake County, and the  
17 Great Lakes Naval Training Center, representing approximately  
18 85% of the county's population; and

19 WHEREAS, Since the SWALCO Board of Directors adopted its  
20 guiding mission statement in 1996, the agency has consistently  
21 sought to implement a regional approach to solid waste

1 management that responsibly addresses the economic, political,  
2 and environmental issues confronting Lake County; and

3 WHEREAS, SWALCO remains committed to facilitating an  
4 efficient, reliable, and environmentally sound waste disposal  
5 system, advising and assisting its members, and educating the  
6 public regarding the immense implications of solid waste  
7 management options; and

8 WHEREAS, SWALCO works tirelessly to identify, evaluate,  
9 and disseminate crucial techniques to reduce, reuse, and  
10 recycle solid waste, ensuring that Lake County residents are  
11 provided with the essential programs and infrastructure needed  
12 to divert as much material from final disposal as possible;  
13 and

14 WHEREAS, With Lake County currently recycling 37% of its  
15 municipal waste, SWALCO has established ambitious and  
16 forward-thinking sustainability goals aiming for a 60%  
17 recycling goal by 2030, a feat that inspires members to  
18 continuously enhance recycling initiatives and implement  
19 programs to divert food scraps and organic material; and

20 WHEREAS, SWALCO continues to achieve these vital  
21 environmental milestones economically, fostering local job  
22 creation while steadfastly minimizing negative impacts on our

1 shared environment; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
3 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
4 we congratulate the Solid Waste Agency of Lake County (SWALCO)  
5 on the historic occasion of its 35th anniversary, commend its  
6 leadership, members, and staff for their exceptional  
7 contributions to environmental stewardship, and extend our  
8 sincerest best wishes for their continued success; and be it  
9 further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
11 presented to the Board of Directors of the Solid Waste Agency  
12 of Lake County as a symbol of our respect and esteem.