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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to honor and recognize the occasion of
4 the 75th anniversary of the official opening of the Crab
5 Orchard National Refuge; and

6 WHEREAS, The 44,000 acre refuge was established in 1947
7 after its original function as a ordnance manufacturing plant
8 producing ammunition and explosives for troops during World
9 War Two came to an end; and

10 WHEREAS, The refuge contains three lakes, Crab Orchard
11 Lake, Little Grassy Lake, and Devils Kitchen Lake, and
12 contains 23,000 acres of land for recreational use, including
13 21,000 acres dedicated as a wildlife preserve; and

14 WHEREAS, The refuge is home to a wide, diverse group of
15 flora and fauna from Southern Illinois, including over 700
16 plant species, 245 bird species, 33 mammal species, 63 fish
17 species, and 44 reptile and amphibian species; the refuge is
18 truly a sanctuary for all kinds of species; and

19 WHEREAS, The refuge also provides an endless amount of
20 recreational opportunities for enjoying the natural beauty of
21 the wildlife, including famous hiking trails, campgrounds open

1 during all four seasons, fishing and swimming available from
2 the bank or by boat, horseback riding, hunting, and archery;
3 the refuge is for all those who love the natural beauty of the
4 great outdoors; and

5 WHEREAS, For the last 75 years, the refuge's mission has
6 been to administer, protect, and enhance the natural resources
7 and ecosystem within its boundaries, and this mission will
8 continue for the next 75 years and more; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
10 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
11 we congratulate the Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge on
12 its 75th anniversary of providing visitors the opportunity to
13 enjoy the beauty and ecological wonders that Southern Illinois
14 has to offer; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to the director of the Crab Orchard National
17 Wildlife Refuge as a symbol of our esteem and respect.