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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate the citizens of the  
4 Village of Buffalo Grove for winning the 2010 Environmental  
5 Project of the Year by the American Public Works Association  
6 for the stabilization and naturalization of the White Pine  
7 Drainage Channel; and

8           WHEREAS, The Village of Buffalo Grove has actively worked  
9 on the implementation of a project that would address erosion  
10 and non-point source pollution along the White Pine, an urban  
11 drainage channel that discharges directly into Buffalo Creek  
12 and the Des Plaines River System, since early 2005; and

13           WHEREAS, The White Pine Drainage Channel project has  
14 incorporated numerous innovative restoration methods, such as  
15 the use of both native plant bio-engineering, along with  
16 traditional armoring techniques, to create a system that could  
17 withstand the volatile nature of the urban waterway; the  
18 addition of a pedestrian pathway along the channel and the  
19 installation of educational signage seeks to help to improve  
20 the public's awareness and understanding as to the importance  
21 of such restoration projects; embedded boulders were placed at  
22 the toe of the bank to reduce the shear stresses caused during  
23 high flow periods, while native plantings and turf reinforcing

1 mats were designed and installed to further prevent erosion and  
2 to lock-in the boulder toe, providing for a cohesive and  
3 naturalized system; and

4 WHEREAS, In addition to the stream naturalization portion  
5 of the improvement, the project also constructed a bike path,  
6 which extended from the bike path system located on the  
7 northern side of Lions Park on the south and extending north  
8 along the White Pine Corridor to the Buffalo Grove Park  
9 District's Alcott facilities on the north side of Bernard Drive  
10 in Buffalo Grove; and

11 WHEREAS, The government and citizens of the Village of  
12 Buffalo Grove should take pride in this wonderful project and  
13 the example this project sets for other municipalities;  
14 therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
16 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
17 congratulate the citizens of the Village of Buffalo Grove for  
18 winning the 2010 Environmental Project of the Year by the  
19 American Public Works Association for the stabilization and  
20 naturalization of the White Pine Drainage Channel; and be it  
21 further

22 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the Buffalo Grove Village Board as a symbol of our  
2 esteem and respect.