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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, For 20 years DuPage County has served as a leader in conservation and environmental protection to ensure it remains a great place to live, work, and raise a family; and

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WHEREAS, On October 27, 2011, DuPage County became the first county in the State of Illinois to receive the Governor's Sustainability Award for its efforts to preserve the environment for future generations; and

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WHEREAS, For 25 years, the Governor has recognized public and private organizations in the State of Illinois for significant achievements in protecting the environment through sustainable practices; and

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WHEREAS, The Sustainability Award serves as a validation of DuPage County's efforts to reduce emissions, save energy, increase air quality, conserve resources, and recycle waste materials; and

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WHEREAS, DuPage County's initiatives have not only served the environment well, but have also resulted in good public policy; and

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WHEREAS, Such sustainability initiatives include

1 optimizing the county's traffic signal timing programs to
2 increase traffic flow, reducing 2.32 million hours of driving
3 time and saving 232,000 gallons of fuel; and

4 WHEREAS, Through the County's free Electronics Recycling
5 Program, more than 2 million pounds of electronic waste have
6 been diverted from landfills since 2008; and

7 WHEREAS, The County will save 2.4 million kilowatts
8 annually through energy-efficiency improvements on its campus;
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10 WHEREAS, More than 5 tons of unused and unwanted
11 medications have been properly disposed of through the Rx Drop
12 Box Program which in turn keeps these hazardous waste items out
13 of our waterways and soil; and

14 WHEREAS, DuPage County continues to work with businesses
15 and residents to implement more sustainable programs and to set
16 an example of how it can reduce its environmental footprint in
17 a fiscally responsible manner; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
19 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
20 we recognize DuPage County for its diligent work to preserve
21 the environment for future generations.