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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The Illinois Endangered Species Act makes it
3 unlawful for any person to possess or transport any animal
4 species which occurs on the Illinois Endangered and Threatened
5 Species List; and

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WHEREAS, Under the Illinois Wildlife Code, it is illegal to
7 possess, transport, or care for sick, injured, or orphaned
8 wildlife in Illinois unless you have a permit from the
9 Department of Natural Resources; and

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WHEREAS, Members of the public sometimes find sick,
11 injured, or orphaned animals in the wild; and

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WHEREAS, The public is not always aware of the laws
13 prohibiting possession or transport of protected animals;
14 therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
16 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we show our support for
17 a robust Department of Natural Resources public education
18 campaign that informs the public about the exact steps to take
19 if a sick, injured, or orphaned animal is encountered in the
20 wild; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That we support the Department of Natural
2 Resources increasing public education outreach in the spring
3 months when many baby animals are mistaken as orphaned and
4 should be left as they were found; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That we support the Department of Natural
6 Resources entering into public-private partnerships for the
7 purpose of developing and sharing educational materials such as
8 posters, videos, programs, advertisements, and public service
9 announcements; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That we support public-private collaboration in
11 the dissemination of said educational materials to places such
12 as schools, public and private newsletters, public and private
13 websites, and television and radio stations.