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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, There is a need to educate our youth of the importance of protecting and conserving Illinois's precious natural resources; and

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WHEREAS, By combining in-class curriculum and hands-on field experiences, the Envirothon program is an excellent way to supplement environmental education inside and outside the traditional classroom; and

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WHEREAS, The Envirothon is a hands-on environmental problem-solving competition for high school-aged students in the United States and Canada; and

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WHEREAS, The Envirothon works in partnership with local conservation districts, forestry associations, educators, and cooperating natural resource agencies to organize and conduct competitions on the local, regional, state, and/or provincial level; and

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WHEREAS, Illinois is an active participant in the International Envirothon Competition; and

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WHEREAS, Envirothon participants gain valuable knowledge and training in ecology and natural resource management

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1 principles, and practices, and the importance and limitations  
2 of soils, wildlife, aquatic ecosystems, forestry, and current  
3 important environmental issues; and

4 WHEREAS, The Illinois Envirothon has been responsible for  
5 more than 18,000 participating high school students being  
6 taught these important natural resource principles and issues  
7 since 1995; and

8 WHEREAS, It is important that the citizens of Illinois  
9 recognize the contributions of this event toward training our  
10 youth to be responsible caretakers of the State's precious  
11 natural resources; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
13 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
14 designate April 30, 2015 and April 28, 2016 as Envirothon Day  
15 throughout Illinois to bring recognition to the activities of  
16 the Envirothon program.