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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO.
BY THOMAS, FALCK, and KREMER

A Concurrent Resolution recognizing and honoring members of the Save the Backbone Lake Committee who participated in the restoration of Backbone Lake in Backbone State Park.

WHEREAS, Backbone State Park, encompassing 1,780 acres of forested bluffs, slopes, and uplands along the Maquoketa River and Fenchel Creek, is Iowa's oldest state park, dedicated on May 28, 1920; and

WHEREAS, a general plan for the development of Backbone State Park was completed in 1925 by John Fitzsimmons, extension service landscape architect, Iowa State College; and

WHEREAS, with the Fitzsimmons "master plan", the completion of the state 25-Year Conservation Plan and the creation of the Civilian Conservation Corps in 1933 combined to provide for the completion of many projects at Backbone State Park, including a dam on the Maquoketa River which formed Backbone Lake; and

WHEREAS, after many decades of extensive recreational use with limited financial resources for maintenance, repairs, and improvements necessary to meet the public demand, the Save the Backbone Lake Committee was organized to provide volunteer services for the Backbone Lake restoration to supplement projects implemented by the Department of Natural Resources; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Save the Backbone Lake Committee contributed personal labor, equipment, and

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1 moneys to remove thousands of tons of siltation and to
2 complete related improvement projects; NOW THEREFORE,
3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE
4 SENATE CONCURRING, That the General Assembly, on
5 behalf of the State of Iowa, extends its appreciation
6 to the Save the Backbone Lake Committee and all of its
7 volunteers and contributors for the restoration work
8 contributed to the Backbone Lake project; and
9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the
10 House of Representatives shall transmit a copy of this
11 Concurrent Resolution to the chairperson of the Save
12 the Backbone Lake Committee.

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