

## 1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Sue Hendrickson, fossil explorer and the person  
3 credited with finding the world's largest and most complete  
4 Tyrannosaurus Rex skeleton, Sue, which was named in her honor  
5 and displayed in the Field Museum of Natural History in  
6 Chicago, Illinois, has advanced the cause of science; and

7 WHEREAS, Sue Hendrickson's unquenchable thirst for  
8 knowledge and discovery has contributed to a greater public  
9 understanding and appreciation of the world in which we live;  
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Sue Hendrickson's discovery of the Tyrannosaurus  
12 Rex has aided researchers in learning more about a creature  
13 that remains a mystery to the scientific world and helps put  
14 this gigantic animal into its category in evolutionary  
15 history; and

16 WHEREAS, This discovery allows researchers to study and  
17 test theories about evolutionary processes, ancient  
18 ecosystems, and even plate tectonics; and

19 WHEREAS, Sue Hendrickson's dedication to awakening young  
20 people's curiosity about science is commendable and she  
21 stands before students everywhere as an example of the  
22 adventure, exploration, and discovery of science; and

23 WHEREAS, Sue Hendrickson's namesake Tyrannosaurus Rex has  
24 heightened the international acclaim of the Field Museum of  
25 Natural History, one of the world's four great natural  
26 history museums that serves as a center for public learning  
27 about the living world; and

28 WHEREAS, The Field Museum of Natural History is one of  
29 the City of Chicago's most visible and durable cultural  
30 enterprises and ranks as one of the premier visitor locations  
31 in the State of Illinois, attracting visitors from around the

1 world; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
3 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
4 in keeping with the State of Illinois' dedication and  
5 commitment to promoting the field of science and in honor of  
6 Sue Hendrickson and her contributions to the enhancement of  
7 knowledge, we declare Tuesday, February 27, 2001, to be Sue  
8 Hendrickson Day in the State of Illinois; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
10 presented to Sue Hendrickson and John W. McCarter, Jr.,  
11 President and CEO of the Field Museum of Natural History.