

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, A remnant of the 1870 Forest Plantation remains
3 at the University of Illinois' Urbana-Champaign campus; and

4 WHEREAS, This remnant, called Illini Grove, stands at the
5 corner of Lincoln and Pennsylvania Avenues; and

6 WHEREAS, In the 19th century, Professor T. J. Burrill
7 established the field of Plant Pathology with his research in
8 the Plantation, evaluating tree growth and survival on
9 prairie soils demonstrating potential productivity; and

10 WHEREAS, Today this area is a highly valued green space
11 with a variety of trees, some as old as 130 years - a very
12 rare condition on the bustling Urbana-Champaign campus; and

13 WHEREAS, As a boy, Senator Stanley Weaver played in the
14 Plantation and he has many pleasant memories of this wood; in
15 1963, Senator Weaver and his wife signed a petition to
16 prevent further development of buildings in this area;
17 therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
19 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
20 we wish the remnant of this forest, known as Illini Grove, to
21 remain forever open, green and wooded space, as natural as
22 possible; and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That we urge the Department of Natural
24 Resources and the University of Illinois to permanently and
25 prominently place a bronze plaque at Illini Grove, declaring
26 it to be a testimonial to Senator Stanley Weaver and his late
27 wife, Mary Smith Weaver, for their life-long dedication to
28 preserving nature; and be it further

29 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
30 presented to the Director of the Department of Natural

1 Resources and to the President of the University of Illinois.