

## 1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Members of the General Assembly have been  
3 involved with hunting dog field trialing over the past  
4 several years and have assisted Illinois citizens with  
5 matters involving preserving, enhancing, and expanding the  
6 sport of field trialing on public land; and

7 WHEREAS, The General Assembly enacted Public Act 87-1051  
8 which designated several public sites for hunting dog field  
9 trialing and provided appropriate periods of time for these  
10 field trials to be held; and

11 WHEREAS, Members of the General Assembly have interceded  
12 on behalf of Illinois citizens to resolve matters in dispute  
13 with State and federal agencies; and

14 WHEREAS, The General Assembly realizes that the sport of  
15 field trialing has a long and well established history in  
16 Illinois dating back to prestigious events such as the  
17 American Field Quail Futurity and the All-American Quail  
18 Championship, trials no longer held in Illinois; and

19 WHEREAS, The sport of field trialing has avid followers  
20 from around the United States from which Illinois receives  
21 economic benefit; the sport of field trialing has been in  
22 some decline in Illinois due to the loss of public land on  
23 which to contest the sport; through positive action, the  
24 State of Illinois can once again become a leader in the  
25 sport; and

26 WHEREAS, There is a compelling need to provide a bright  
27 future for the sport of field trialing for future  
28 generations; therefore, be it

29 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL  
30 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF  
31 REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING HEREIN, that the Department of

1 Natural Resources is strongly encouraged to develop the  
2 recently acquired Perry County area for horseback and other  
3 field trials, and to devote enough acreage on the Perry  
4 County area to develop six championship horseback field trial  
5 courses of sufficient length and quality to ensure field  
6 trials of the highest order can be contested; and be it  
7 further

8 RESOLVED, That the most modern habitat restoration and  
9 management practices be employed on the Perry County area to  
10 develop wild game and gamebird populations of a magnitude to  
11 support these field trials; that field trial facilities of  
12 sufficient quality and number including stables, parking  
13 lots, pastures, dog kennels, clubhouses, and other such  
14 facilities, as may be required, be developed in the Perry  
15 County area; and that priority be given to field trial  
16 interests in the Perry County area; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, The Department of Natural Resources is strongly  
18 encouraged to consider additional land acquisition in  
19 Hamilton County in the vicinity of its existing properties to  
20 expand field trialing where the sport has enjoyed a long  
21 history; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
23 delivered to the Department of Natural Resources.