

**MCHEMRY COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
RESOLUTION #14-05**

**SUPPORTING SENATOR PAMELA J. ALTHOFF'S INTRODUCTION OF A STATE
RESOLUTION AND INSTALLATION OF STATE OF ILLINOIS COMMEMORATIVE SIGNAGE
AT THE NORTH BRANCH CONSERVATION AREA
HONORING THE SERVICE AND SACRIFICE OF
G. EARLE ELDREDGE (1907) AND CHARLES MARCUS ELDREDGE (1931)**

WHEREAS, the McHenry County Conservation District (hereinafter referred to as the "District"), is a conservation district organized and existing under the laws of the State of Illinois (70 ILCS 410); and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Senator Pamela J. Althoff of the 32nd District provided a formal request to obtain permission to pursue the passage of a state resolution and installation of State of Illinois commemorative signage to honor the service and sacrifice of G. Earle Eldredge (1907) and Charles Marcus Eldredge (1931); and

WHEREAS, both brothers, G. Earle Eldredge and Charles Marcus Eldredge were employed by the Illinois Department of Resources and Conservation; and

WHEREAS, Game Warden G. Earle Eldredge served with distinction for seven years until February 24, 1907 when he was shot in the heart while investigating a report of poachers on the family's game reserve near today's Village of Richmond;

WHEREAS, Charles Marcus Eldredge was a successful attorney, elected to the Illinois General Assembly in 1896, and later went on to become an inspector for the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and Conservation serving for 24 years;

WHEREAS, Charles Marcus Eldredge devoted his time to finding and prosecuting his brother's murderer and carried with him the gun of his brother to remind him at all times of his personal mission; and

WHEREAS, Charles Marcus Eldredge was found dead at the entrance leading to a nature preserve near the site of the first murder in 1931 and ironically the same gun was used when he was murdered in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, both men were the only Illinois Department of Natural Resource and Conservation Officers to have been murdered in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, both men have been recognized at the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Illinois Police Officers Memorial and the National Memorial in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, both men had their family roots tied to McHenry County community and who both died on McHenry County soil while in the line of duty should be formally recognized with the installation of state commemorative signage;

WHEREAS, the District now owns and manages properties formerly owned by the Eldredge family where the tragedies occurred.

WHEREAS, the North Branch Conservation Area has been selected as the site for the installation of the state commemorative signage.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of the District that it is necessary, desirable, and in the best interest of the District to support this special request made by the Honorable Senator Pamela J. Althoff to honor G. Earle Eldredge and Charles Marcus Eldredge for their service and sacrifice.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Resolution #14-05 has been executed this 20th day of February, 2014, by the President and attested by the Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the District.

Ayes: 7

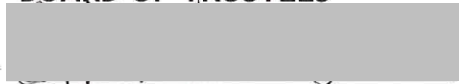
Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0



**MATTHEW EWERTOWSKI, PRESIDENT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**



**BONA HEINSOHN, SECRETARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**