

RESOLUTION #16-50
RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION
FOR DEDICATED SERVICE

JACK D. FRANKS

McHenry County Conservation District
Officers and Board of Trustees
Unanimously Adopted on
December 15, 2016

WHEREAS, McHenry County Conservation District owns and manages over 25,100 acres of open space and 33 conservation areas; 40 miles of regional trails that provide access to more than 115 miles of an integrated trail network; acts to restore its lands to their ecological health; offers educational programs which encourage appreciation of the natural environment and a fundamental understanding of the environmental ethic; and develops its lands for the safe quiet enjoyment and interests of McHenry County residents; and

WHEREAS, the District is supported in its efforts by many dedicated staff, volunteers, appointed and elected local, county, state and federal officials; including members of the Illinois General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Jack D. Franks fought for local service consolidation, improved local infrastructure, reduction of property taxes and increased local job opportunities while serving as State Representative representing the 63rd Legislative District from 1999 through 2016; and

WHEREAS, Jack D. Franks' legal training and education in International Relations and Political Science as well as extensive federal court experience in personal injury law, commercial and general business law have benefited the residents and businesses of McHenry County and the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, while working as a state legislator in the Illinois House of Representatives, Jack D. Franks served on many House committees including International Trade & Commerce (Vice-Chairman), Tollway Oversight, Veterans' Affairs, Public Utilities, State Government Administration (Chairperson), Agency Operations Subcommittee (Sub-Chairperson), Government Process Subcommittee (Sub-Chairperson), Special Bills Subcommittee (Sub-Chairperson), and Business Growth & Incentives; and

WHEREAS, Jack D. Franks provided written support for numerous state and federal grant submittals (OSLAD, CMAQ, Illinois Bike Path, Illinois Capital Museum Grant, etc.) bringing over \$14,250,000 back to McHenry County to purchase and protect open space, through natural resource restoration and public access improvements on the publicly held land of the taxpayers of McHenry County; and

WHEREAS, Jack D. Franks supported the establishment of the Hackmatack National Wildlife Refuge that will bring federal and ecotourism dollars to the county in the future; and

WHEREAS, Jack D. Franks recognized the District on September 2013 for receiving the National Recreation and Parks Association's Barb King Excellence in Environmental Stewardship Award and commended the District for promoting

environmental excellence by earning the Illinois Association of Park Districts' Partnership and Green Practices awards; and

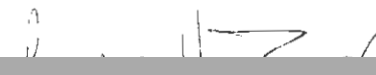
WHEREAS, Jack D. Franks is a lifelong resident of McHenry County as the third generation of his family to reside in the Marengo area; and

WHEREAS, Jack D. Franks and family enjoy spending time outdoors in nature; and

WHEREAS, through his commitment to honesty, transparency and accountability, Jack D. Franks will continue to lead McHenry County government through his new role as the first publicly elected Chairman of the McHenry County Board where he can continue his public service to benefit the all the residents of McHenry County, including the flora, fauna and human for years to come.

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED: That the Officers and Board of Trustees of the McHenry County Conservation District hereby express and convey their deep and sincere gratitude and heartfelt appreciation to Jack D. Franks and that this Resolution be incorporated into the official records of the District, and that Jack D. Franks receive recognition through this resolution.

IN WITNESS WHERE OF, we have hereunto subscribed our names and affixed the seal of the District, this 15th day of December, 2016.



Bona Heinsohn, President

Stephen Barrett, Vice President

Brandon Thomas, Treasurer

David Kranz, Secretary

Peter Merkel, Trustee

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David Brandt, Trustee