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Crex Meadows Goose Hunting Resolution

Whereas, Forty years ago there were very few giant Canada geese in the Crex Meadows area and as a result, a cooperative project consisting of Wisconsin DNR and local sportsmans' club introduced a captive goose flock to that area.

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Whereas at that time a large area surrounding Crex Meadows was closed to goose hunting to establish a flock of local geese.

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Whereas said project has been very successful in establishing a large goose population in the Crex Meadows area equaling the hunting opportunities of Horicon Marsh or Devil's Lake North Dakota.

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Whereas this flock created great hunting opportunities, economic benefits to local businesses and area farmers and enjoyment of thousands of bird watchers who travel to the Crex Meadows area.

and

Whereas upon eliminating this closed area, these opportunities have created a loss. The flock of geese, once enjoyed by thousands have left Crex Meadows for other communities and have created problems on private land and towns which in turn has forced early goose hunting seasons, necessary to reduce numbers

Therefore, be It resolved that we, the undersigned, recommend that the DNR reestablish a large No Goose Hunting Zone around Crex Meadows. It is our hope that the great flocks of Canada geese would return to the Crex Meadows area where the vast marshlands can accommodate their numbers and the public, the tourists and the local area would enjoy a resurgence in hunting and sighting opportunities the public once experienced.

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