

Reps. Sheltroun, Ball, Farrah, Donigan, Dillon, Spade and Lemmons, Jr. offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 161.

A resolution to urge the Department of Natural Resources and the Natural Resources Commission to designate the Lost Twin Lakes Pathway area in Roscommon County as an Old Growth Forest.

Whereas, The Lost Twin Lakes Pathway is a three-mile trail in the scenic Au Sable forest surrounded by magnificent white pines and maple trees. Recent generations of logging have respected the majestic trees and left the area untouched, allowing the trees to grow to be well over six feet in circumference; and

Whereas, The Lost Twin Lakes Pathway area is enjoyed and appreciated by many state residents for its beauty and the interesting variety of flora and fauna it has to offer; and

Whereas, The Department of Natural Resources is required to identify and protect old growth forests through the forest certification process. In order to promote biodiversity on state forestlands, it is imperative that old growth forests are protected from future logging activities; and

Whereas, The Lost Twin Lakes forest has many qualities that are similar to the original forestland, which have led to its identification as a potential old growth forest; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we urge the Department of Natural Resources and the Natural Resources Commission to designate the Lost Twin Lakes Pathway area in Roscommon County as an Old Growth Forest; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Director of the Department of Natural Resources and the Director of the Natural Resources Commission.