

State of Wisconsin  
Natural Resources Board

**MEMORIAL RESOLUTION**  
**Ernest F. Swift**

WHEREAS, Ernest F. Swift was a member of the Wisconsin Conservation Department for approximately 28 years serving the people of this state in the positions of Conservation Warden, Forest Ranger, Supervisor of Fur Farms, Deputy Director and Director (1947-1954); and

WHEREAS, during these years he was the first recipient of the Haskell Noyes Conservation Award for faithful service, he pioneered as the first Vice-

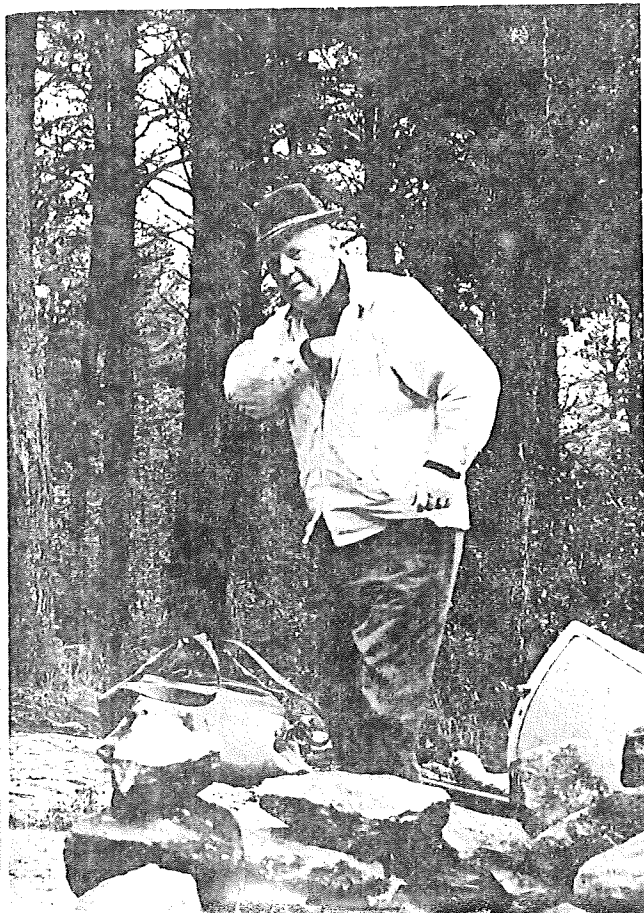
Chairman (under the Governor) of the Natural Resources Committee of State Agencies and he twice represented the state as President of the Association of Midwest Fish and Game Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, in the last 14 years of his life, Ernie Swift accepted national leadership responsibilities for the cause of conservation as an Assistant Director of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Chairman of the National Waterfowl Council and of the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners Executive Committee and as Executive Director (and subsequently Consultant) for the National Wildlife Federation; and

WHEREAS, his book on "A Conservation Saga" and many booklets and articles on conservation subjects featured the basic elements of ecological conscience and ethical and esthetic aspects over and against "the almighty dollar" when decision-making was concerned, winning for him a wide following of readers and leadership recognition including the Aldo Leopold Medal, John Muir (Gavel Award) and a citation from the Gordon MacQuarrie Foundation;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Natural Resources Board in regular meeting assembled at Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin, this 16th day of August, 1968, hereby express our respect and appreciation for the aggressive fight of Ernest Fremont Swift in forwarding the conservation movement in this state and nation and honor this foster son of Wisconsin for his dedicated work in a lifetime of service for all citizens and the future welfare of their natural resources. This memorial resolution is to be spread upon the records of the Natural Resources Board and a copy sent to his family.

Ernest F. Swift



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*Russell G. Lynch*