

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to recognize milestone events in
4 the lives of the citizens of the State of Illinois; and

5 WHEREAS, It has come to our attention that Larry Swanson
6 of St. Charles will retire as Fire Chief on May 31, 2002,
7 after serving with the Department for 34 years; and

8 WHEREAS, Chief Swanson began with the St. Charles Fire
9 Department as a paid-on-call firefighter and was hired as a
10 career firefighter when the Department was manned by only
11 five full-time firefighters; he rose to the rank of Captain
12 before being named Fire Chief in 1981; Chief Swanson is the
13 longest-serving full-time fire chief, and second longest
14 serving fire chief, in the Department's 160 year history; and

15 WHEREAS, Chief Swanson's distinguished career includes
16 being a driving force in the formation of an
17 intergovernmental agency to provide ambulance service for the
18 Fox Valley area; he also served as Chairman of the Emergency
19 Telephone System Board that oversees 9-1-1 service in Kane
20 County, and as President of the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System
21 (MABAS) Division XIII and its predecessor, Kane County Mutual
22 Aid; he has held office in the Kane County Fire Chiefs
23 Association over the years and is a member of the Illinois
24 Fire Chiefs and International Fire Chiefs Associations; and

25 WHEREAS, During the St. Charles Fire Department's growth
26 from just five full-time firefighters, Chief Larry Swanson
27 has provided the leadership necessary to guide it forward to
28 its now 33 career firefighters, 35 paid-on-call firefighters,
29 and 12 contract paramedics who are housed in three fully
30 staffed fire stations; also, under his guidance, the
31 Department has achieved an Insurance Services Office (ISO)
32 rating as a Class 2 community for insurance purposes;

1 therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
3 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
4 we congratulate Fire Chief Larry Swanson of St. Charles on
5 the occasion of his retirement, thank him for his countless
6 hours of service with the St. Charles Fire Department, and
7 wish him well in all his future endeavors; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be sent
9 to Fire Chief Larry Swanson as an expression of our esteem.