

1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Members of the Illinois Senate wish to
3 express their sincere thanks to the Volunteers who make
4 Christmas in April a reality in the City of Zion; and

5 WHEREAS, Christmas in April provides assistance to senior
6 citizens, the disabled and low income families, who own their
7 own home, but who, because of physical limitation or income,
8 are not able to cover the costs of home repair or rehab; and

9 WHEREAS, Christmas in April began in 1973 in Texas, it
10 has spread throughout all 50 states; and

11 WHEREAS, There are today 265 chapters serving 865
12 communities in all 50 states; and

13 WHEREAS, On April 28, 2001 Christmas in April - North
14 Suburban Chicago - came to the City of Zion with 375
15 volunteers from the community, sailors from the Great Lakes
16 Naval Training Center and students from Zion-Benton Township
17 High School and Loyola Academy worked alongside firefighters,
18 police officers, building inspectors, lawyers, bankers,
19 school teachers and city council members; and

20 WHEREAS, Under the direction of their "House Captain",
21 these volunteers scraped, painted, cleaned and repaired 15
22 homes in Zion through plumbing and electrical repairs,
23 replacing roofs, and installing new bathrooms, making
24 handicap accessible, etc. to an estimated market value of
25 \$473,000.00; and

26 WHEREAS, Christmas in April is not affiliated with any
27 particular church or religion, the program embraces people
28 from all walks of life: racial, ethnic, age, nor sex bars no
29 one from volunteering to work in harmony one day a year for
30 this worthy cause; and

1 WHEREAS, Christmas in April selects the homeowner
2 recipients through referrals from non-profit agencies,
3 churches, the building department, social organizations or
4 concerned individuals; and

5 WHEREAS, Materials, supplies and/or funds are donated by
6 hardware and lumber companies, construction companies,
7 churches, banks, social organizations and other agencies in
8 Zion; and

9 WHEREAS, Workers are treated to lunch as courtesy of
10 Chuck's Dog House, Zion Burger King, Sheridan Health Care,
11 Midwestern Regional Medical Center and Faith Food Pantry; and

12 WHEREAS, Christmas in April performs these repairs and
13 additions at no cost to the homeowner, homeowners and their
14 family members are asked to participate as much as physically
15 able to rehabilitate their home; and

16 WHEREAS, The Mayor and City Council held a picnic the
17 following day to honor the homeowners, volunteers and their
18 families; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL
20 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that April 27, 2002 be
21 proclaimed as "Christmas in April" throughout the City of
22 Zion; and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this preamble and
24 resolution be presented to Mayor Lane Harrison and
25 Commissioner Delaine Rogers of the City of Zion and to Frank
26 Flammini of Christmas in April - North Suburban Chicago, who
27 together spearheaded the planning and preparation for this
28 year's Christmas in April for the City of Zion on the 27th
29 day of April, 2002.