



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, John Early is retiring after a distinguished  
3 career with the Village of Matteson Fire Department; and

4 WHEREAS, John Early started with the Village of Matteson  
5 Fire Department as a cadet firefighter at the age of 16; he  
6 became a volunteer firefighter at the age of 18, and at the age  
7 of 21, he was one of the first two full-time career  
8 firefighters appointed in December of 1974; and

9 WHEREAS, After taking a competitive promotional exam in the  
10 1979, John was promoted to Fire Lieutenant and has served as  
11 the Shift Commander; as Shift Commander, he was the highest  
12 ranking officer assigned to a 24-hour shift; and

13 WHEREAS, He attained numerous State Fire Certifications,  
14 including Firefighter III, Fire Officer II, Arson  
15 Investigator, and Instructor II, which furthered his  
16 professional development, and also provided the Village with  
17 specialized skills needed to carry out the mission of the Fire  
18 Department; in 1971, he was one of the first students to attend  
19 and graduate from the Emergency Medical Technician class  
20 offered at St. James Hospital; he upgraded his training and  
21 became a Paramedic in 1973 as a member of the second graduating  
22 class through what is now the South Cook County Emergency  
23 Medical System through Ingalls Hospital; and

24 WHEREAS, He acquired his Associate of Applied Science  
25 degree in Fire Science Technology from Prairie State College in  
26 1975; in 1987, he earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Fire  
27 Protection Technology and Administration from Western Illinois  
28 University; and

29 WHEREAS, John, and his wife, Marcia, have two children,  
30 Shanna and Ryan; in his retirement, John hopes to enjoy trips

1 to the upper peninsula of Michigan, and hunting, fishing, and  
2 snowmobiling; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
4 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
5 congratulate John Early on his many years of exemplary service  
6 with the Matteson Fire Department and we wish him all the best  
7 in his retirement; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
9 presented to John Early as an expression of our admiration and  
10 esteem.