



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Chief Jeff Waite has retired as Chief of the  
3 Sullivan Fire Protection District; and

4 WHEREAS, In his position, Chief Waite has worked closely  
5 with government officials to secure around \$700,000 worth of  
6 grants to upgrade and modernize the Sullivan Fire Protection  
7 District; under his leadership the department was approved as a  
8 training facility in 1991; in 1992, the department received a  
9 TIF grant to computerize the department; the same year, he was  
10 appointed vice-president of the Central Illinois Fire Chief's  
11 Association; in 1995, he was elected to serve as an area  
12 representative for the Illinois Fire Chief's Association, and  
13 he was elected President of the Central Illinois Fire Chief's  
14 Association in 1998, a position he held through 2004; and

15 WHEREAS, He also served as Director for the Illinois Fire  
16 Chief's Association for one year, was appointed to the Illinois  
17 State Fire Chief's Funeral Committee, and served on a committee  
18 for the first Illinois Volunteer Fire Service Summit; he was  
19 appointed to the Illinois Terrorism Task Force to study  
20 Statewide Communications and was re-elected to serve as the  
21 Illinois Fire Chief's Association Director; he also served on  
22 the Illinois Terrorism IEMA Region 17 Task Force (Mass Casualty  
23 & Haz Mat Decontamination), on the Moultrie County Kellogg Farm  
24 Safety Project as a committee member, on the Lake Shelbyville  
25 Safety Committee, and as a MABAS Division 26 Officer (State  
26 Mutual Aid); and

27 WHEREAS, Throughout his entire career, he has received  
28 several commendations including the Life Saving Award for a  
29 Texas State Trooper from the Texas House of Representatives,  
30 the Texas Department of Public Safety Region Commander's Award  
31 in 1999, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Life Saving Award, the  
32 George A. Sentel Lodge 764 Community Builder's Award, and he

1 was nominated for the Illinois Fire Chief's Association "Fire  
2 Chief of the Year" Award in 2003; and

3 WHEREAS, Chief Waite is married to Linda and is the father  
4 of Casey and the stepfather of Heather and Chad; therefore, be  
5 it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
7 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
8 we congratulate Chief Jeff Waite on the occasion of his  
9 retirement as Chief of the Sullivan Fire Protection District;  
10 and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
12 presented to Chief Waite as an expression of our gratitude for  
13 his role in the protection of the citizens of the State of  
14 Illinois and with best wishes for a relaxing retirement.