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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois are pleased to recognize the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of Lake Villa Rescue; and

WHEREAS, The Lake Villa Rescue Squad was founded by the Lake Villa Community Men's Club, and went into operation on May 30, 1956; they began with a used panel truck purchased from the Antioch Rescue Squad outfitted to meet their needs; and

WHEREAS, The Lake Villa Rescue Squad initially served a township population of 3,048, they now serve more than 20,000; in 2000, they responded to almost 1,600 calls, up from 80 during their first year of operation in 1956; and

WHEREAS, Monetary contributions to the Lake Villa Rescue Squad have provided the necessary funds to buy and replace needed equipment throughout the years; many fund raising drives were held on behalf of the Rescue Squad by one of their chief supporters, The Lion's Club; fundraisers over the years included brick sales, rummage sales, dances, dinners, and fashion shows; and

WHEREAS, The Rescue Squad still owns the original Lake Avenue Building, but now operates out of a large 7-bay facility owned by the Lake Villa Fire Protection District; and

WHEREAS, Lake Villa Rescue will be honored with a dinner and reception being held in Lake Villa at the historic Lehmann Mansion on Saturday, November 18, 2006; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that that we congratulate Lake Villa Rescue on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of its founding; and be it further

1           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
2 presented to Lake Villa Rescue as an expression of our respect  
3 and esteem.