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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are pleased to congratulate the members of the Channahon Fire Protection District on the occasion of the department's 50th anniversary; and

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WHEREAS, The first legal meeting of the Channahon Volunteer Fire Department was held on August 17, 1950; the officers of the department were President Robert Lamping, Vice President John Westerveld, Treasurer Stewart Dirst, and Secretary Harry Byers; and

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WHEREAS, On August 31, 1950, the Channahon Volunteer Fire Department held the first election to pick a fire chief and his aides; at the election, Steve Rittof was elected to serve as Fire Chief, Everett McCoy was elected to serve as First Assistant, L. W. Piercy was elected to serve as Second Assistant, Maurice Frederick was elected to serve as Captain, and Charles Crawford was elected to serve as Lieutenant; in 1960, the Channahon Fire Protection District was officially formed; and

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WHEREAS, Today, the Channahon Fire Protection District is comprised of a full time Fire Chief, Administrative Assistant, 10 career firefighters/paramedics, 8 contract

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1 firefighter/paramedics, and 31 volunteers; the fire district
2 covers over 40 square miles and serves approximately 8,500
3 residents with its 2 manned fire houses, 3 Advanced Life
4 Support ambulances, 3 engines, and numerous other pieces of
5 emergency response equipment; the fire district also has a Dive
6 team; and

7 WHEREAS, The Channahon Fire Protection District is part of
8 the Orange CART Team and has Fire Investigators that work with
9 Mutual Aid Division 15; the district is also a member of the
10 Chief Shabbona Firefighter's Association; and

11 WHEREAS, The Channahon Fire Protection District averages
12 over 1,000 Emergency Medical, Fire, Mutual Aid, Hazmat, and
13 Water Emergency calls per year; and

14 WHEREAS, The members of the Channahon Fire Protection
15 District serve as models of hard work, integrity, and
16 dedication for the people of the State of Illinois; therefore,
17 be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
19 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
20 congratulate the members of the Channahon Fire Protection
21 District on the occasion of the district's 50th anniversary and
22 wish them continued success and happiness in the future; and be

1 it further

2 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
3 presented to the Channahon Fire Protection District as a symbol
4 of our esteem and respect.