

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives congratulate Richard "Ike" Boyd as he retires  
4 after 51 years of service with the Lovington Fire Protection  
5 District on June 21, 2003; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Boyd has served as Chief of the Lovington  
7 Fire Department for over 24 years and as a trustee for the  
8 Lovington Fire Protection District for over 21 years; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Boyd shared his expertise to secure and  
10 maintain essential emergency equipment and supported the  
11 building of the current fire station and addition; he  
12 designed the Fire Department's 1967 pumper, which is still in  
13 service today; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Boyd has organized training sessions for all  
15 firefighters, and he has served as one of the organizers and  
16 first board members of the Lovington Community Ambulance  
17 Service; in addition, he has supported the formation of the  
18 Okaw Valley Fire Protection Association, which has promoted  
19 vital training and mutual aide services for eleven area fire  
20 protection district, the Moultrie County Sheriff's  
21 Department, and the Moultrie County Emergency Services  
22 Agency; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Boyd genuinely cares about the people of his  
24 community; he has a passion to help others in need; he  
25 represents the very best of volunteer firefighters:  
26 courageous, determined, and responsible; therefore, be it

27 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
28 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
29 we congratulate Mr. Richard "Ike" Boyd as he retires after 51  
30 years of service with the Lovington Fire Protection District  
31 and thank him for his dedication to the community of

1 Lovington; and be it further

2       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
3 presented to Richard "Ike" Boyd as an expression of our  
4 respect and esteem.