



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, On August 29, 2005, Raymond Edward Senteney will  
3 complete 50 years of service with the City of Mattoon; and

4 WHEREAS, The City is hosting an open reception for Mr.  
5 Senteney on August 29, 2005, at the City Hall; at the Mattoon  
6 City Council meeting on August 16, 2005, he was honored by the  
7 Mayor and Council with a plaque for his 50 years of service;  
8 the Mayor also announced that the Mattoon Police Department  
9 Pistol Range will now be known as the Raymond E. Senteney  
10 Mattoon Police Pistol Range; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Senteney was born February 4, 1921, in  
12 Mattoon; he attended Mattoon schools and graduated from Mattoon  
13 High in 1939; he was in the first ROTC class at Mattoon High  
14 School and played a French horn in the band; he worked at the  
15 Mattoon Journal-Gazette for a short while after high school  
16 during 1939 - 1940; he served in the U.S. Navy during World War  
17 II as a steam fitter on a ship and was honorably discharged; he  
18 worked for the New York Central Railroad as a pipe fitter prior  
19 to the railroad closing its repair shops in Mattoon; and

20 WHEREAS, He was sworn in as a Mattoon Police Patrolman on  
21 August 29, 1955; he was promoted to Captain on August 1, 1963,  
22 Assistant Chief on June 1, 1969, and Chief of Police on January  
23 15, 1974; he retired from the police department as Chief of  
24 Police on August 31, 1985; and

25 WHEREAS, He was one of the first Mattoon police officers to  
26 attend Northwestern University Police Traffic Institute and  
27 the University of Illinois Police Training Institute for basic  
28 training; he also attended a police executive training program  
29 at the FBI Academy at Quantico, Virginia; he was selected as  
30 the 1972 "Police Officer of the Year" by the Mattoon VFW and,  
31 in 1974, as the "Outstanding Police Officer" by the Mattoon

1 Jaycees; and

2 WHEREAS, Mr. Senteney was one of four co-founders and  
3 officers of the Mattoon Police Department Pistol Club and was  
4 the initiator and force behind the building of the Mattoon  
5 Police Department Pistol Range at Lake Paradise; he still works  
6 on the water system at the range each spring and fall; and

7 WHEREAS, He became a licensed plumber while serving on the  
8 police department and upon retirement from the police  
9 department, he became Mattoon Plumbing Inspector on September  
10 1, 1985; he established the first set of records for plumbing  
11 inspections conducted in the City; he became a licensed local  
12 plumbing inspector when the licensing first became available by  
13 the State and received his certification in the first group; he  
14 continues to attend in-service training for Illinois plumbers  
15 and licensed plumbing inspectors provided by the Illinois  
16 Department of Public Health; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Senteney has been active in community affairs  
18 and professional organizations; he has been a member of Mattoon  
19 First Baptist Church for over 70 years and served as a Deacon  
20 and Trustee; he is Past Master of the Mattoon Masonic Lodge 260  
21 and served at one meeting with all lodge officer positions  
22 filled by law enforcement officers; he is a past President and  
23 Treasurer of Corn Belt Shrine Club; he served as President of  
24 Mattoon High Twelve Club; he is a past President of the Mattoon  
25 Police Benevolent and Protective Association; he served as  
26 President of Central Illinois Chiefs of Police Association; he  
27 is a former Director of the Big Four Credit Union in Mattoon  
28 and a former Secretary of the Mattoon Police Department Pension  
29 Board; and

30 WHEREAS, He is also a member of the Illinois Plumbing  
31 Inspectors Association, the Mattoon American Legion, the  
32 Mattoon Moose Lodge, the Danville Scottish Rite, the

1 Springfield Ansar Shrine Temple, a life member of the Illinois  
2 Police Association, a life member of Illinois Association of  
3 Chiefs of Police, and a former member of the International  
4 Association of Chiefs of Police; and

5 WHEREAS, He and his wife of 63 years, Mae, have a son, two  
6 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
8 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
9 we congratulate Raymond Senteney on his 50 years of exceptional  
10 service with the City of Mattoon, and we wish him well in his  
11 continued service as Mattoon Plumbing Inspector and in all his  
12 future endeavors; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
14 presented to Raymond Senteney as an expression of our  
15 admiration and esteem.