



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Twenty-five years ago, thirteen Arcola area
3 citizens decided to be part of Arcola's Famous Broom Corn
4 Festival Parade; they took a talent inventory and came to the
5 conclusion that pushing mowers and twirling brooms was the best
6 they could do, thus the Lawn Rangers from Amazing Arcola were
7 founded; and

8 WHEREAS, The Lawn Rangers have performed in Benton Harbor,
9 Michigan; Detroit, Michigan; Chicago; St. Louis, Missouri;
10 Indianapolis, Indiana; Springfield; Canton, Ohio; Phoenix,
11 Arizona; and San Diego, California; at such events as
12 Thanksgiving Day parades, Bowl Game parades, the Indy 500
13 parade, and State Fair parades; they have also participated in
14 numerous community parades throughout the Midwest; and

15 WHEREAS, Over 500 individuals have marched with the Lawn
16 Rangers, including people from ages 21 to 80 and from all walks
17 of life, bound only by the great bond of "fellership"; their
18 ranks include their team press agent and noted Pulitzer Prize
19 winning columnist, Dave Barry; he has appeared in five parades,
20 written five columns featuring the Rangers, and sponsored a TV
21 production starring himself and the Lawn Rangers; and

22 WHEREAS, The motto of the Lawn Rangers is "You're only
23 young once, but you can always be immature."; therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
25 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
26 we recognize the grand tradition of the Lawn Rangers, and we
27 congratulate them on 25 years of national parade participation;
28 and be it further

29 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
30 presented to the Lawn Rangers as an expression of our respect

1 and esteem.