



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, William E. Kappmeyer was born on March 13, 1918,
3 in Oelwein, Iowa; he attended grade school in Oelwein and
4 graduated first from Oelwein High School and then Wartburg
5 College in Waverly, Iowa, in 1940; while attending Wartburg
6 College, he was a letterman in basketball and baseball,
7 starting every game in both sports and serving as captain of
8 both teams during his senior year; he was the Knights leading
9 scorer in basketball his senior year and the leading hitter on
10 the baseball team all four years; he was inducted into
11 Wartburg's Athletic Hall of Fame in 1999; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Kappmeyer served in the U.S. Navy during World
13 War II as a Chief Specialist; he received seven letters of
14 commendation for outstanding service to the Navy; while he was
15 in the Navy, he met a young lady by the name of Evelyn
16 Johnstone; Evelyn says that when she was getting to know Bill,
17 he suggested that she joined the Navy to find a husband;
18 quick-witted Evelyn told Bill if that was really her reason for
19 joining the Navy, she may have made a mistake because "the
20 selection" wasn't too good; and

21 WHEREAS, Evelyn Johnstone and William Kappmeyer were
22 married on December 9, 1944; they later became parents to two
23 children, Pam and Kurt; the Kappmeyers will celebrate their
24 62nd wedding anniversary this year; and

25 WHEREAS, Mr. Kappmeyer received his masters degree in 1948
26 from the University of Pittsburgh; when he was teaching in
27 Iowa, he was called upon to develop the drivers education
28 program for that state; in 1955, he accepted a position with
29 Lockport High School, where he taught biology, drivers
30 education, and was head coach of varsity baseball; in 1963, he
31 became the athletic director at Lockport West High School (now
32 Romeoville High School); Bill and Evelyn moved into their "new"

1 home on Maplewood in Bolingbrook on March 3, 1970; and

2 WHEREAS, In 1974, when Bolingbrook High School opened, Bill
3 Kappmeyer accepted a position as Dean of Students; he retired
4 from BHS in 1983; and

5 WHEREAS, In 1987, Mr. Kappmeyer joined the Village of
6 Bolingbrook's Fire and Police Board and still serves on that
7 commission; and

8 WHEREAS, In 1988, He was named Bolingbrook's Male Citizen
9 of the Year; and

10 WHEREAS, In 2000, he was the Grand Marshall of the
11 Pathway's Parade; and

12 WHEREAS, While Bill Kappmeyer has the title of the "Oldest
13 Man in Bolingbrook", he is also "Young at Heart"; therefore, be
14 it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
16 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
17 we congratulate Bill Kappmeyer on his life's accomplishments
18 and thank him for the dedication to his country and community
19 over the years; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to Mr. Kappmeyer as an expression of our esteem.