



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Centralia Fire Chief Bill Thouvenin is retiring on
3 June 16, 2006, after 29 years with the department; and

4 WHEREAS, He became fire chief almost four years ago; he
5 previously served as fire marshal and as a firefighter with the
6 department; and

7 WHEREAS, During his tenure with the Centralia Fire
8 Department, Chief Thouvenin has seen the duties of the
9 Department expand beyond fighting fires; EMS (emergency
10 medical services), which was relatively new when he joined the
11 department, now represents about 60 percent of the department's
12 work; the department now deals with hazardous materials and has
13 also trained to deal with terrorism and counter-terrorism, drug
14 labs, and street gangs; and

15 WHEREAS, Upon his retirement, he plans to take two or three
16 months and spend some time with his family, including camping,
17 horseback riding, and fishing with his three children; he has
18 also planned a mission trip with his youngest son to Louisiana
19 in July to help with rebuilding projects; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
21 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
22 we congratulate Centralia Fire Chief Bill Thouvenin on the
23 occasion of his retirement after 29 years with the department;
24 and be it further

25 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
26 presented to Chief Thouvenin as an expression of our esteem and
27 with best wishes for a relaxing retirement.