

## 1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to commend the men and women of the Park  
4 Forest Police Department for their hard work and dedication  
5 to their community; and

6 WHEREAS, An early morning fire on January 4, 2001, could  
7 have been tragic for former park district commissioner and  
8 village commissioner John Booth and his wife, Maureen; as  
9 police arrived on the scene they found Mr. Booth hanging  
10 outside of a window, his wife trapped inside; and

11 WHEREAS, Through the quick response of Officers Peter  
12 Morrissette, Harold Grimes, Tom Hall and Sergeant Mike  
13 Murphy, the lives of both Mr. and Mrs. Booth were spared that  
14 morning; and

15 WHEREAS, The officers helped Mr. Booth out of his dire  
16 situation and then went to help Mrs. Booth; Officers Murphy  
17 and Grimes, along with Officer Jose Flores, kicked in the  
18 lower panels of the front door and dragged Mrs. Booth to  
19 safety; and

20 WHEREAS, This devotion to the lives of others makes the  
21 men and women of the Forest Park Police Department worthy of  
22 honor; therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
24 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
25 we congratulate the men and women of the Park Forest Police  
26 Department for their hard work and devotion, especially in  
27 saving the lives of Mr. and Mrs. John Booth; and be it  
28 further

29 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
30 presented to Police Chief Ed Pope.