

## 1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, On September 11, 2001, terrorists hijacked four  
3 civilian aircraft, two of which crashed into and destroyed  
4 the twin towers of the World Trade Center in New York City  
5 and other nearby buildings; and

6 WHEREAS, As a result of those heinous attacks, hundreds  
7 of New York rescue personnel perished; and

8 WHEREAS, Millions of citizens from the State of Illinois  
9 watched in astonished horror as these terrible events  
10 unfolded on live television; and

11 WHEREAS, While grieving the loss of their New York City  
12 brethren, Firefighters from the State of Illinois quickly  
13 traveled to New York City to assist in rescue and recovery  
14 efforts; and

15 WHEREAS, When they arrived at the scene of the terrible  
16 devastation, these dedicated men and women went to work  
17 wherever needed, ignoring the danger to themselves as they  
18 searched unstable structures for possible survivors, as well  
19 as clearing debris and performing other duties; and

20 WHEREAS, Many more Firefighters from the State of  
21 Illinois have volunteered to help and are now prepared to  
22 travel to New York to lend a hand if needed; and

23 WHEREAS, These courageous fire personnel, risking their  
24 lives and giving without hesitation of their own time and  
25 resources in responding to this crisis, represent the best of  
26 the State of Illinois, and indeed, the United States;  
27 therefore, be it

28 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
29 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
30 we honor the brave and selfless men and women of the various

1 Fire Departments in the State of Illinois who have responded  
2 to these tragic events with courage, determination, and  
3 skill; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
5 presented to the State Fire Marshal and Illinois Fire  
6 Departments that sent volunteers to New York City as a token  
7 of our esteem, respect, and sincere appreciation.