

## 1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS The members of the House of Representatives of  
3 the State of Illinois wish to congratulate Phillip Arnold,  
4 Chief of Police of Thornton, on being named the Police Chief  
5 of the Year by the Illinois State Crime Commission; and

6 WHEREAS, Chief Arnold began his career in law enforcement  
7 in 1986 as a patrol officer with the Harvey Police  
8 Department; in 1989, he joined the East Hazel Crest Police  
9 Department to form a Canine Unit, and in 1991, he was named  
10 Police Officer of the Year for the department; and

11 WHEREAS, Chief Arnold currently serves as the Chief of  
12 Police for the Thornton Police Department; as the village's  
13 chief law enforcement officer, his duties include the  
14 development and administration of an \$802,000 budget, the  
15 management of a public safety facility, fleet, and all  
16 capital assets, and extensive participation in village  
17 government operations which includes conducting research  
18 projects regarding residential and business concerns, school  
19 programs, education, and grants; and

20 WHEREAS, Since he joined the Village of Thornton, morale  
21 in the department has greatly improved and a pre-existing  
22 manpower turnover problem has been corrected; he has updated  
23 uniforms and police credentials to ensure the integrity of  
24 the police department, and he has instituted a program to  
25 prevent racial profiling; and

26 WHEREAS, Several programs have been developed by Chief  
27 Arnold, including a school resource officer program, bicycle  
28 patrol, police honor guard for various community functions,  
29 and a truck enforcement unit; and

30 WHEREAS, Chief Arnold has over 3,000 hours of continued  
31 law enforcement training, including Northwestern University's

1 School of Police Staff and Command and the Executive  
2 Management Program; he is a graduate of Thornton Township  
3 High School and received his Bachelor of Science degree with  
4 highest honors in Law Enforcement Management from Calumet  
5 College of St. Joseph; he and his wife, Angie, are lifelong  
6 residents of the south suburbs; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
8 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
9 we offer our heartiest congratulations to Thornton Chief of  
10 Police Phillip Arnold on being named Police Chief of the Year  
11 by the Illinois State Crime Commission and commend him for  
12 his dedication to law enforcement and the outstanding  
13 contributions he has made to the Village of Thornton and the  
14 citizens of Illinois; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
16 presented to Chief Arnold as a token of our respect and  
17 esteem and with wishes that his success may long continue.