



1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Buffalo Grove Fire Department, established in
3 1981, is celebrating its 25th anniversary in 2006; and

4 WHEREAS, Until its establishment, the Village had been
5 jointly protected by the Wheeling, Long Grove, and Vernon Fire
6 Protection Districts; in 1980, voters approved a referendum
7 creating the fire department; the nucleus was to be the Buffalo
8 Grove Fire Department Inc., which provided fire protection and
9 paramedic service to the Cook County portion of Buffalo Grove
10 under contract with the Wheeling Fire Protection District; a
11 new fire station was built on Busch Road, now Deerfield
12 Parkway, to protect the Lake County portion of Buffalo Grove;
13 the Department continues to grow; there are now 67 employees
14 and an additional fire station; and

15 WHEREAS, Under the leadership of Fire Chief Tim Sashko and
16 a professional staff of firefighters, the Buffalo Grove Fire
17 Department provides outstanding service to the community; it is
18 one of the select fire departments in the country to receive an
19 Insurance Service Office rating of Two, which reflects the
20 Department's preparedness to protect the Village from fires,
21 its high level of training, and its dedication to maintaining
22 and upgrading firefighting equipment; and

23 WHEREAS, The Department reduces and controls fire losses in
24 the Village through a comprehensive program of public
25 education, fire suppression, and training; and

26 WHEREAS, The Department plays an essential role in
27 emergency preparedness and Homeland Security initiatives and
28 provides specialized rescue services during hazardous
29 material, dive rescue, and technical rescue events; and

30 WHEREAS, The Department establishes relationships with

1 other village departments and agencies at every level of
2 government in order to strengthen fire protection and emergency
3 services throughout the region; and

4 WHEREAS, The Department actively pursues opportunities to
5 improve its firefighting capabilities and expand programs for
6 residents, recently securing a federal grant for new safety
7 equipment and a grant for fire prevention education tools;
8 therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
10 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
11 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we offer our sincere thanks to
12 the Buffalo Grove Fire Department for its dedicated service to
13 the Village and surrounding communities; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That we congratulate the Buffalo Grove Fire
15 Department on the occasion of its 25th anniversary; and be it
16 further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to the Buffalo Grove Fire Department.