

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to recognize milestone events in the
4 lives of the citizens of the State of Illinois; and

5 WHEREAS, It has come to our attention that Donald Gould
6 is retiring from his position as the Director of the Will
7 County Emergency Management Agency after 23 years of service;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Gould began his career with the Will County
10 Emergency Management Agency as the Civil Defense Director
11 from 1969 to 1975; from 1985 to 2002 he served as the
12 Emergency Management Director; and

13 WHEREAS, During his career Mr. Gould conducted the first
14 exercise for the newly started Braidwood Nuclear Power
15 Station, formed the first Hazardous Materials Response Team
16 for Will County and was a speaker in 1986 at the National
17 Governors Association meeting in Washington D.C. on the
18 formations of Local Emergency Planning Committees; he worked
19 with the United States Army Corps of Engineers and the
20 Federal Government to utilize warm water from the Dresden
21 Cooling Pond to melt ice on the Kankakee River to prevent
22 springtime thaw flooding and implemented the first In-Door
23 Telephone Warning Notification System for Will County and
24 WillWarn Countywide Warning Network, which allows all
25 dispatch center and community emergency operations centers to
26 speak to one another during emergency and disaster
27 situations; and

28 WHEREAS, In addition, Mr. Gould, who has received
29 certification as a certified emergency manager from the
30 International Association of Emergency Planners, negotiated
31 with Commonwealth Edison to pay for the majority of the
32 Emergency Operations Center, which included a generator for

1 the County Office Building; he is a member of the American
2 Society of Professional Emergency Planners, and implemented
3 an efficient Countywide 800 Trunked Radio System for Will
4 County; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Gould was the first Chairman of the Will
6 County 9-1-1 and has been a board member since 1990; he has
7 served as past president and treasurer of the Illinois
8 Emergency Services Management Association, he is a member of
9 the Chemical Industry Council of Illinois, and the Chairman
10 of the Will County Radio System Board; in addition, he formed
11 the Will County Local Emergency Planning Committee and serves
12 as Emergency Planning Coordinator/Vice Chairman; and

13 WHEREAS, Donald Gould will be honored by the Will County
14 Board of Directors on May 16, 2002 in recognition of his 23
15 years of dedicated service and commitment to the residents of
16 Will County; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
18 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
19 we congratulate Donald Gould on his retirement after 23 years
20 of service as Director of the Will County Emergency
21 Management Agency and we wish him well in all of his future
22 endeavors; and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
24 presented to Donald Gould as an expression of our esteem.