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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate the Germantown Fire
4 Department on the occasion of its 125th anniversary and
5 recognize its tradition of bravery and dedication; and

6 WHEREAS, The Germantown Fire Department was chartered on
7 May 2, 1892, almost 60 years after the first settlers founded
8 the town of Germantown; and

9 WHEREAS, The first 18 members of the department, which
10 included a horse, were all volunteer and relied on a
11 hand-operated pump for fighting fires; and

12 WHEREAS, The first motorized vehicle the department
13 received was a 1919 Model-T truck which is now part of the Hall
14 of Flame Fire Museum in Phoenix, Arizona; and

15 WHEREAS, The Germantown Fire Department has always relied
16 on the donations and support of the local community, holding
17 fundraisers, dances, and benefit meals; and

18 WHEREAS, This support has allowed the Germantown Fire
19 Department to maintain a modern and well equipped force that is
20 often a leader in adopting new firefighting technologies; and

1 WHEREAS, These technologies have included the first fire
2 department radio system in the county, the first fire
3 department in the region to adopt an automated external
4 defibrillator, and the first department in the county to adopt
5 a "jaws of life" rescue tool; and

6 WHEREAS, In 1952, the Germantown Rural Fire Protection
7 District was formed to provide a stable funding source for the
8 Germantown Fire Department, though the department still relies
9 on the generosity of the local community to supplement its
10 funding; and

11 WHEREAS, In 2002, the Germantown Fire Department formed the
12 Explorer Post to educate local youth about fire and rescue
13 services; and

14 WHEREAS, Currently the Germantown Fire Department has 35
15 members and six firefighting and rescue vehicles; it responds
16 to 110 calls per year; and

17 WHEREAS, The Germantown Fire Department maintains its
18 125-year tradition of sacrifice, dedication, and a commitment
19 to the proud citizens of Germantown; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE

1 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
2 congratulate the Germantown Fire Department on its 125th
3 anniversary and we wish it 125 more years of continued
4 operation and dedication to the local community; and be it
5 further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to the Germantown Fire Department as a symbol of our
8 esteem and respect.