



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Those individuals who work to protect and serve
3 the citizens of our State are worthy of the highest praise; and

4 WHEREAS, It has come to our attention that Charleston Fire
5 Chief Darrell Nees will be retiring after more than 25 years of
6 placing himself in harms way for the safety of others; and

7 WHEREAS, Chief Nees started with the Fire and Rescue
8 Department in 1979; he has been the fire chief for six years
9 after serving as ambulance supervisor for 13 years; and

10 WHEREAS, He valiantly served our country as a member of the
11 U.S. Army's 36th Engineer Battalion in Vietnam; and

12 WHEREAS, During his tenure as chief, he has focused on the
13 city's ambulance service, which handles a much higher number of
14 calls than the fire service, and keeping equipment up-to-date;
15 he also played a key role in planning for the department's
16 training facility on West Madison Avenue, attaining grant funds
17 for its creation; the facility is a great asset for
18 Charleston's firefighter-paramedics and police officers and
19 can also host training for emergency responders from other area
20 agencies; he is especially proud of how the department's
21 personnel have excelled at firefighting, paramedic, rescue,
22 and hazardous materials training; and

23 WHEREAS, In his retirement, Chief Nees plans to fish, golf,
24 relax, work around the house, and spend time with his wife,
25 Susie, and their children and grandchildren; therefore, be it

26 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
27 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
28 we congratulate Fire Chief Nees on the occasion of his
29 retirement, and we wish him well in the future; and be it

1 further

2 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
3 presented to Chief Nees as an expression of our sincere
4 admiration and gratitude for his years of service to the
5 citizens of Illinois.