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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Ronald Ackerman on  
4 his retirement as Chief of the West Chicago Fire Protection  
5 District; and

6           WHEREAS, He was born in 1957 in Geneva and was raised in  
7 Elburn; he attended Kaneland High School and graduated in 1975;  
8 while at Kaneland he played football, basketball, and ran track  
9 all 4 years; he was a member of the 1973 "Second in State"  
10 basketball team and a member of the 1975 State Champion track  
11 team; he was the State champion in the 880 yard dash and a  
12 member of the State champion mile relay team; and

13           WHEREAS, He attended the University of Kentucky on a track  
14 scholarship from 1976-1979; he was a member of the track team  
15 all 4 years and a member of the cross country team in 1979; his  
16 best performance while running for Kentucky was placing second  
17 in the 800-meter dash in the Southeast Conference; he graduated  
18 from the University of Kentucky in 1979 with a Bachelor of Arts  
19 in Education; and

20           WHEREAS, He attended Eastern Kentucky in 1980 and received  
21 a Bachelor of Science in Fire Protection and Control; and

1           WHEREAS, He was hired in 1980 as a career Firefighter with  
2 the West Chicago Fire Protection District; in 1985, he was  
3 promoted to Lieutenant and in 1986 he was promoted to Deputy  
4 Chief of Operations for the fire department; as Deputy Chief he  
5 was in charge of the day-to-day operations of the department as  
6 well as all fire prevention activities; in 2002, he was  
7 appointed to Chief of the Department and currently holds that  
8 position; and

9           WHEREAS, His duties as Chief included all administrative  
10 functions of the department as well as control of emergency  
11 incidents; over the last 9 years as chief he has belonged to  
12 several fire chief organizations and was President of the  
13 DuPage County Fire Chief's Association in 2007; he currently  
14 resides in West Chicago with his wife, Debbie, and has 2  
15 children, Amy and Matt; therefore, be it

16           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
17 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
18 we congratulate Chief Ronald Ackerman on his retirement and his  
19 years of service as a Firefighter; and be it further

20           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
21 presented to Chief Ronald Ackerman as a symbol of our respect  
22 and esteem.