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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate Norman "Norm" Fanning on the occasion of the Elwood Fire Protection District Training Tower Facility being renamed in his honor; and

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WHEREAS, Norm Fanning was born to James and Albertha Fanning in Joliet on December 16, 1932; he attended Washington Junior High School and Joliet Central High School; he worked briefly at Goldblatt's Department Store before being drafted into the U.S. Army in 1953, serving as a staff sergeant first class during the Korean War until he was honorably discharged in 1954; he and his family moved to Elwood in 1965; and

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WHEREAS, Norm Fanning worked as a welder for Caterpillar, Inc. in Joliet for 33 years, retiring in 1989; and

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WHEREAS, Norm Fanning served as a trustee of the Elwood Fire Protection District from May 1, 1987 until June 30, 2023, dedicating 36 years of service to the fire district; during his tenure, he served as president for a time; he also served as a school bus driver for Elwood Community Schools, ensuring the safety of countless children for over a decade; and

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WHEREAS, Norm Fanning volunteered with the Memorial Squad

1 at the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery from 2007 to 2021,
2 and he has served on the Jackson Township Board since 1993; and

3 WHEREAS, Norm Fanning is the husband of Mary Lou Fanning;
4 he is the father of Brenda and Craig from his first marriage
5 and the grandfather of two; and

6 WHEREAS, Norm Fanning has dedicated himself to serving
7 others through a life of service, integrity, and community
8 spirit, and his contributions to Elwood have had a positive
9 impact on the community and its residents; and

10 WHEREAS, In recognition of Norm Fanning's unwavering
11 dedication to service, the Elwood Fire Protection District
12 Training Tower Facility has been renamed as the Norman Fanning
13 Training Facility; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
15 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
16 we congratulate Norman "Norm" Fanning on the Elwood Fire
17 Protection District Training Facility being renamed in his
18 honor as the Norman Fanning Training Facility, and we thank
19 him for his decades of service to the Village of Elwood; and be
20 it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to Norm Fanning as a symbol of our esteem and
2 respect.