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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate Ronald Jay Meinsma on his retirement as a volunteer firefighter; and

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WHEREAS, Ronald Meinsma of Savanna dedicated 60 years of his life to serving three different communities in Carroll County over the course of his career; and

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WHEREAS, Ronald Meinsma served as a volunteer firefighter and firefighter engineer in Chadwick for two years, in Mt. Carroll for 46 years, and in Savanna for 12 years; and

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WHEREAS, Ronald Meinsma, born on November 24, 1940, was one week from turning 85 when he retired on November 17, 2025, demonstrating his longstanding commitment to public service, serving volunteer fire departments for most of his life; and

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WHEREAS, Ronald Meinsma advanced as a volunteer firefighter in each community he served, eventually earning the title of firefighter engineer with the responsibility of driving the fire truck, which was his favorite of all the roles he held; and

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WHEREAS, Alongside his volunteer firefighting career,

1 Ronald Meinsma worked as a fuel truck driver for FS, often
2 delivering fuel to emergency situations after responding as a
3 firefighter; and

4 WHEREAS, Outside of his volunteer firefighting duties,
5 Ronald Meinsma has placed American flags nearly every Memorial
6 Day at the gravestones of every deceased firefighter he could
7 find across Carroll County and beyond; and

8 WHEREAS, Ronald Meinsma has never sought personal
9 recognition or glory for his work, serving as a humble and
10 committed public servant and first responder; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
12 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
13 we congratulate Ronald Jay Meinsma on his retirement as a
14 volunteer firefighter, and we thank him for his six decades of
15 service throughout Carroll County; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 delivered to Ronald Meinsma as an expression of our esteem and
18 respect.