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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Fire Chief Marty Feld of  
4 the Niles Fire Department on the occasion of his retirement  
5 after more than 38 years of service; and

6           WHEREAS, Fire Chief Feld began his career as a firefighter  
7 with the Niles Fire Department on October 5, 1986; he was  
8 promoted to lieutenant in 1996, serving as the department's  
9 paramedic coordinator for the next nine years; after being  
10 promoted to the rank of district chief in 2005, he developed  
11 training programs still in use today and created a  
12 return-to-work initiative for firefighters after extended  
13 leave; he also held a number of other roles, including EMS  
14 officer, training officer, and fire investigator; throughout  
15 his career, he maintained his status as a licensed paramedic  
16 in the State of Illinois; and

17           WHEREAS, Fire Chief Feld focused on efficiency and fiscal  
18 responsibility during his tenure as chief, securing \$1.9  
19 million in grants to bolster department resources, including a  
20 Safer Grant to fill a staffing shortage, and joining the  
21 Ground Emergency Medical Transport program to obtain Medicaid  
22 reimbursement for ambulance service costs; further, he  
23 restored the much-needed deputy fire chief position and

1 returned the 1941 Pirsch fire engine to Niles after many years  
2 away, and he was credited with reorganizing the organization  
3 into EMS, training, and operations divisions, improving its  
4 operational focus; and

5 WHEREAS, Fire Chief Feld helped navigate the Village of  
6 Niles through the COVID-19 pandemic while maintaining direct  
7 fire and EMS services to the community; he implemented new  
8 safety protocols, ensured the availability of protective  
9 equipment, and secured more than \$800,000 in reimbursements  
10 for pandemic-related expenses from Cook County and the Federal  
11 Emergency Management Agency; and

12 WHEREAS, Fire Chief Feld has launched a number of public  
13 outreach initiatives, including annual pancake breakfasts and  
14 open houses, fire extinguisher training, and a smoke detector  
15 installation program responsible for installing over 1,500  
16 detectors in local homes; and

17 WHEREAS, Fire Chief Feld has been instrumental in fire  
18 truck and ambulance designs and builds over the years; he also  
19 worked on the Fire Station 3 renovation, and he has been  
20 actively involved in the new Fire Station 2 project; and

21 WHEREAS, Fire Chief Feld has had the strong support of his  
22 wife, three daughters, a granddaughter, his parents, and many

1 siblings and extended family members; and

2 WHEREAS, Fire Chief Feld will conclude his career with the  
3 Niles Fire Department on November 30, 2024; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
5 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
6 we congratulate Fire Chief Marty Feld of the Niles Fire  
7 Department on his retirement, and we thank him for his more  
8 than 38 years of service and dedication to the Village of Niles  
9 and the State of Illinois; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
11 presented to Fire Chief Feld as an expression of our esteem and  
12 respect.