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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Tinley Park Fire
4 Marshal Robert Bettenhausen on 57 years of dedicated service
5 and his retirement; and

6 WHEREAS, He joined the Tinley Park Fire Department in 1952
7 and served as Fire Chief from 1966 to 1993, when he was named
8 Fire Marshal; under his leadership a full-time Fire Prevention
9 Bureau was established, the Fire Department Training Center was
10 constructed, 9-1-1 emergency service was started, enhanced
11 fire prevention and fire safety regulations were implemented.
12 and the initiation of qualifications for Insurance Service
13 Organization ratings were began; and

14 WHEREAS, He is a 27-year member of the Fire Advisory Board
15 of the Office of the State Fire Marshal and has served as chair
16 of the Fire Training Advisory Board of the Illinois Fire
17 Service Institute at the University of Illinois; he is an
18 original member of the Volunteer and Combination Officers
19 Section of the International Association of Fire Chiefs and
20 served as treasurer/secretary emeritus; and he is a member of
21 the Illinois Fire Service Task Force Summit; and

22 WHEREAS, In addition, he is an advisory member of the

1 Illinois and Cook County Terrorism Task Forces; he is an
2 organizer of a committee to form the United States Fire Corps;
3 he is a member of the Illinois Safety Committee; he also served
4 as the International Association of Fire Chiefs representative
5 for the National Fire Protection Association's 1720 Committee
6 Deployment Standards and on the 2001-2002 Board of Directors;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, He has received Lifetime Achievement Awards from
9 both the Illinois Fire Chiefs Association and the National
10 Volunteer Fire Council; Fire Chiefs Magazine named him the 1997
11 Fire Chief of the Year; he received a Chief Fire Officer
12 designation in 2003, 2006, and 2009; and he received the Tinley
13 Park Chamber of Commerce Special Recognition Award, the
14 Sertoma's Service to Mankind Award, and the Tinley Park
15 Veterans Commission's Service Award; and

16 WHEREAS, He is a life member of the Tinley Park Historical
17 Society, a member of Tinley Park's United Methodist Church, and
18 president of the Tinley Park Memorial Cemetery Association; and

19 WHEREAS, He is supported by his wife, Colleen; his sons,
20 Brad, Matthew, David and his wife, Jill; and his grandchildren,
21 James, Tyler, Gunnar, and Sophia; therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE

1 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
2 congratulate Robert Bettenhausen and wish him the best in all
3 his future endeavors; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
5 presented to Robert Bettenhausen as a symbol of our sincere
6 respect.