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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate David F. Clark on
4 the occasion of his upcoming retirement as Deputy Director of
5 the Illinois Fire Service Institute; and

6 WHEREAS, David Clark has served as Deputy Director of the
7 Illinois Fire Service Institute since 1998 and has served as
8 the leader of more than 500 institute faculty and instructional
9 staff; during his tenure, the Institute has provided over
10 12,000 courses to more than 500,000 fire and other emergency
11 responders and community leaders in every Illinois county,
12 classes that total more than 5 million student instructional
13 hours; and

14 WHEREAS, David Clark has served as a member of the Illinois
15 Terrorism Task Force since its inception in 2000; and

16 WHEREAS, David Clark has served as a member of the faculty
17 of the Illinois Fire Service Institute since February of 1976;
18 since 1976, he has personally provided hands-on fireman
19 training and developed a considerable body of training programs
20 for tens of thousands of firefighters from throughout Illinois
21 and the nation; and

1 WHEREAS, David Clark has been a pioneer in creating a sound
2 and practical scientific research program regarding
3 firefighter life safety issues at the Illinois Fire Service
4 Institute; and

5 WHEREAS, David Clark served as a member of the Illinois
6 Critical Incident Stress Debriefing Team, which assists
7 Illinois firefighters and their families and fire departments
8 to recover from the tragic loss of a firefighter in the line of
9 duty; and

10 WHEREAS, From 1965 to 1985, except for a period of active
11 duty service in the United States Army, David Clark served as a
12 volunteer firefighter and eventually Fire Chief for the
13 Brimfield Community Fire Protection District; from 1970 to
14 1974, he served as a firefighter with the Normal Fire
15 Department; and

16 WHEREAS, From 1968 to 1970, David Clark served as a member
17 of the 3rd United States Infantry Regiment, known as the "Old
18 Guard", at Arlington National Cemetery; he ultimately achieved
19 the rank of Sergeant (E-5) and team leader; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
21 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
22 congratulate David F. Clark on the occasion of his retirement

1 and lifetime of service to the firefighters and citizens of the
2 State of Illinois and wish him many happy and healthy
3 retirement years; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
5 presented to David Clark as a symbol of our esteem and respect.