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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Dennis Oaks, Fire Chief of
4 the Northwest St. Clair County Fire Protection District (NWFD),
5 on his retirement; and

6 WHEREAS, Chief Oaks joined the NWFD in 1980 as a volunteer
7 firefighter; from 1985 to 1990 he was Captain of Training; and

8 WHEREAS, Chief Oaks became a full-time member of the NWFD
9 in 1989; he served as Assistant Chief from 1990 to 2001 and
10 became Fire Chief in 2001; and

11 WHEREAS, Chief Oaks completed the Belleville Area College
12 Fire Science Program and is certified by the Office of the
13 State Fire Marshal; other certifications include Advance
14 Firefighter, Fire Officer II, Instructor II, Fire Apparatus
15 Engineer, Haz-Mat Operation, Haz-Mat Incident Commander, and
16 Vehicle and Machinery Operation; he has National Fire Academy
17 Training and has been on the National Registry of Emergency
18 Medical Technicians; he is an American Heart Association CPR
19 Instructor; and

20 WHEREAS, Chief Oaks received the Certificate of
21 Recognition Award in 2003 from the State of Illinois Fire

1 Fighting Medal of Honor Committee; in 1983, he received the
2 first Northwest Fire Department Firefighter of the Year Award;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Chief Oaks and his wife of 35 years, Valerie, have
5 3 children, Jeff, Stacey, and Sarah, and 4 grandsons, Josh,
6 Brandon, Kyle, and Cole; he enjoys riding Harley Davidson
7 motorcycles, fishing, and camping; he says his most enjoyable
8 vacation was to the Rocky Mountains; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
10 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
11 congratulate Dennis Oaks, Fire Chief of the Northwest St. Clair
12 County Fire Protection District, on his retirement and we wish
13 him the best in all his future endeavors; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
15 presented to Chief Oaks as an expression of our esteem and
16 respect.