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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Chief David R. Weiss on  
4 being named Firefighter of the Year for the Westmont Fire  
5 Department; and

6           WHEREAS, Chief Weiss joined the Westmont Fire Department in  
7 1990 as the department's Training Officer; he developed a  
8 training program and mentored many young firefighters; and

9           WHEREAS, In 2007, Chief Weiss was appointed full-time  
10 Deputy Chief for the department, and his efforts resulted in  
11 over one million dollars in grant monies and two Governor's  
12 Hometown Awards for volunteer programs; in 2012, his  
13 progressive career with Westmont culminated in being appointed  
14 full-time Fire Chief; and

15           WHEREAS, During his tenure at Westmont, Chief Weiss has  
16 initiated and overseen numerous projects that have won  
17 nationwide recognition, including the Citizens Fire Academy  
18 and Alumni Association, Kids Summer Safety Camps, Senior  
19 Citizen Clerical Volunteers, and Citizens and Fire Corp  
20 programs; and

21           WHEREAS, Chief Weiss has a long list of credentials,

1 including an associate's degree in fire science and a Bachelor  
2 of Arts in Public Service; he graduated from the National Fire  
3 Academy's Executive Fire Officer Program and received a  
4 certification from the International Institution of Fire  
5 Engineers; and

6 WHEREAS, Outside of the department, Chief Weiss serves as a  
7 peer reviewer for the State of Illinois Fire Officer  
8 applications, is a task force member of Homeland Security's  
9 Fire Corps program, and is a certified instructor for the  
10 Illinois Fire Chiefs Association; he has served as a faculty  
11 member of Triton College and the College of DuPage; and

12 WHEREAS, Chief Weiss has dedicated his life to the  
13 life-saving work of firefighting by mentoring and training new  
14 firefighters, developing training programs, and involving  
15 himself in his work on the local and national levels; in  
16 addition, he is a dedicated family man and community advocate;  
17 therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
19 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
20 we congratulate Chief David R. Weiss on being named Firefighter  
21 of the Year for the Westmont Fire Department, and we greatly  
22 admire his years of life-saving services; and be it further

1           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
2 presented to Chief Weiss as an expression of our esteem and  
3 respect.