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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives would
3 like to congratulate Pat Devaney on his retirement from the
4 Associated Fire Fighters of Illinois (AFFI) and for being
5 elected Secretary Treasurer of the Illinois American
6 Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations
7 (AFL-CIO); and

8 WHEREAS, Pat Devaney started his career as a firefighter in
9 the City of Champaign in 1995 and was promoted to the rank of
10 Captain in 2019; and

11 WHEREAS, AFFI is the statewide professional firefighter
12 union representing over 15,000 firefighters comprised of 225
13 affiliates throughout the state; Pat Devaney has been an active
14 member of the Champaign Firefighters AFFI Local 1260, serving
15 as treasurer, vice president, and president; he also served as
16 a trustee for the Champaign Firefighters Pension Board from
17 1999 to 2009; and

18 WHEREAS, Pat Devaney served as President of AFFI from 2008
19 to 2020 and also served as the AFFI Central District
20 Legislative Representative from 2004 to 2008; and

21 WHEREAS, Pat Devaney regularly lobbied the Illinois

1 General Assembly on pension and labor issues affecting
2 professional firefighters; he was heavily involved in pension
3 reform negotiations, which culminated in the combining of over
4 650 police and fire pension funds into two statewide investment
5 funds; and

6 WHEREAS, Pat Devaney was elected Vice President of the
7 Illinois AFL-CIO in 2008 and was elected by the Executive Board
8 to become Secretary Treasurer in 2019; he is the first
9 firefighter in Illinois history to be elected to one of the
10 Principal Office positions within the Illinois AFL-CIO; and

11 WHEREAS, Pat Devaney was one of the founding members of the
12 We Are One Illinois coalition, which was formed to defend
13 attacks on public employee retirement security; therefore, be
14 it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
16 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
17 we congratulate Pat Devaney on a lifetime of service through
18 his work as a fire fighter and with AFFI and wish him future
19 success as Secretary Treasurer of the Illinois AFL-CIO; and be
20 it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
22 presented to Pat Devaney as an expression of our esteem and

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1 respect.