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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Donald R. Gould,
4 Jr., on his twenty years of service as the Fire Chief in
5 Prospect Heights; and

6 WHEREAS, A member since 1966, Chief Gould has been the fire
7 chief since 1988; Chief Gould is a Chief Fire Officer Designee
8 of the Commission on Fire Accreditation International, a
9 graduate of the Oklahoma State University School of Fire
10 Protection, and an Illinois State Fire Marshal Certified Fire
11 Officer III; and

12 WHEREAS, During his tenure with the Prospect Heights Fire
13 Protection District he has served in every rank, from volunteer
14 firefighter, lieutenant, captain, assistant chief, to his
15 current position as fire chief; as Assistant Chief, he was
16 instrumental in the implementation of paramedic service and
17 participation in the State Fire Marshal's training programs;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, As fire chief he has overseen several referendums
20 that have resulted in the purchase of the first aerial ladder
21 truck, expansion of the headquarters fire station and
22 construction of a second fire station, the consolidation of the

1 Palwaukee Area Fire Protection District into the Prospect
2 Heights Fire Protection District, and the hiring of additional
3 personnel; when Chief Gould was first appointed the fire
4 protection district was served by paid-per-call firefighters
5 who responded when paged; those members who were also
6 paramedics worked part-time at the fire station as part of a
7 three-person crew to ensure a rapid response; and

8 WHEREAS, In 2000, Chief Gould was appointed the fire
9 protection district's first full-time fire chief; since 2001
10 Chief Gould has increased the on-duty 24/7 staffing to ten and
11 several additional full-time personnel have been hired,
12 including the deputy chiefs, captains, and nine
13 firefighter/paramedics; he has presented members with service
14 awards and plaques of recognition for each five-years of
15 service achieved; and

16 WHEREAS, For twenty years Chief Gould has served his
17 community and deserves this honor; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
19 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
20 congratulate Chief Donald Gould and wish him continued success
21 in the future; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to Chief Gould as a symbol of our respect.