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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are pleased to honor David K. Harmon on his retirement from the Kankakee Fire Department; and

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WHEREAS, He began his career with the Kankakee Fire Department on July 17, 1984; he was certified Firefighter II and was Class Valedictorian on November 2, 1984; he became an EMT-A in 1985; an Advanced Firefighter III in 1986; an EMT-I in 1987; an EMT-P in 1988; and a First Class Firefighter in 1988; and

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WHEREAS, He was a Union Board member for 9 years, serving as the Chaplain, Treasurer, Vice-President, and President; and

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WHEREAS, He was promoted to Lieutenant in 1992; he became the Department Training Officer in 1993 and continued on and off in that role until 2000; he was certified Fire Officer II in 1996; he was promoted to the Rank of Captain in 2000; he directed the Fire Prevention Bureau from 1999 to 2005; and he was certified Fire Inspector I in 2001; and

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WHEREAS, He was made a Life Safety Code Specialist in 2003; he was promoted to Assistant Fire Chief on December 1, 2004; he received the Illinois Fire Service Institute Command and

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1 General Staff Certification in 2008; and he was certified as a
2 Fire Officer III in 2010; and

3 WHEREAS, He received the Department's first "Legion of
4 Valor Award"; he implemented the use of FireHouse Management
5 software Department-wide and managed the Department's network
6 and technologies; he became an Arson Investigator in 1997,
7 finishing number one in the class and voted outstanding student
8 by his peers; and

9 WHEREAS, He organized "Harmony Ranch" training events in
10 1996 assisting the "American Heat" video production company,
11 training firefighters world-wide; he authored numerous grants
12 and secured \$1,351,383 for various programs and projects within
13 the Kankakee Fire Department; and he built and maintains the
14 Department Internet website; and

15 WHEREAS, He is married to Beth; their children are Melissa,
16 Melinda, Mackenzi, Mason, and Madison; they also enjoy their
17 grandchildren, Avery, Evan, and Elliot; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
19 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
20 we congratulate David Harmon on his retirement and wish him all
21 the best in his future endeavors; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to David Harmon as a symbol of our respect and
3 esteem.