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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Richard L. Jaehne  
4 on the occasion of his retirement as director of the Illinois  
5 Fire Service Institute; and

6           WHEREAS, Richard Jaehne earned his bachelor's degree from  
7 the University of Utah in 1968 and his master's degree in  
8 systems management from the University of Southern California  
9 in 1979; he has participated in numerous military professional  
10 education resident courses, including the Department of the  
11 Navy Total's Quality Leadership Course in 1993 and programs at  
12 the Marine Corps Command and Staff College in 1983 and the Air  
13 War College in 1987, and is certified as a Type 3 FEMA Incident  
14 Management Team member; and

15           WHEREAS, After college, Richard Jaehne was commissioned as  
16 a Second Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps; he  
17 steadily rose through the ranks, eventually attaining the rank  
18 of Colonel; he served in numerous locations throughout the  
19 world during his tenure, including Vietnam, the Far East, Latin  
20 America, the Middle East, Europe, and Washington, D.C.; he also  
21 served as the Commandant of the NATO School in Oberammergau,  
22 Germany and as Director of the Operations Department at the  
23 United States Marine Corps Headquarters in Washington, D.C.;

1 after more than 29 years of active service around the world, he  
2 retired from the United States Marine Corps on September 30,  
3 1997; and

4 WHEREAS, Richard Jaehne was awarded the Navy Cross in  
5 recognition of his actions while serving as a platoon leader  
6 with Company K, Third Battalion, Seventh Marine Regiment of the  
7 First Marine Division in connection with combat operations  
8 against the enemy in the Republic of Vietnam on August 28,  
9 1969; he was also the recipient of 3 Defense Superior Service  
10 Medals, the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star with Combat "V",  
11 the Purple Heart, the Meritorious Service Medal, 2 Combat  
12 Action Ribbons, the German Honor Cross in Silver, and the  
13 Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Silver Star; and

14 WHEREAS, Richard Jaehne served as the director of the  
15 Illinois Fire Service Institute, the statutory Illinois State  
16 Fire Academy; as the institute's director, he led an  
17 inter-agency team that develops and delivers unified command  
18 training programs that meet National Incident Management  
19 System standards to first responders, local and elected  
20 officials, and the United States Postal Service; he also  
21 supervised the initiation of more than 600,000 student hours of  
22 training to over 55,000 firefighters and other first responders  
23 every year; and

1           WHEREAS, Richard Jaehne is a member of the Illinois  
2 Governor's Terrorism Task Force and a Co-Chair of the task  
3 force's Training Committee; he was also a member of the  
4 Governor's Blue Ribbon Fire Service Committee and the  
5 Governor's Fire Advisory Commission, a past-Vice President of  
6 the North American Fire Training Directors, and a member of the  
7 FEMA Region V Regional Advisory Council; and

8           WHEREAS, Richard Jaehne has written numerous publications,  
9 including "NATO School Vision 2000", which was presented to the  
10 Supreme Allied Commander, Allied Powers Europe, and "Traumatic  
11 Stress, A Personal View From Combat", as well as numerous  
12 articles for professional journals and hundreds of speeches of  
13 note to crisis management and security forums throughout the  
14 world; he is the co-developer of "Where the Battle Begins", a  
15 seminar which relates leadership in high-risk situations  
16 between the military and fire service; and

17           WHEREAS, In 2002, Richard Jaehne developed and led a series  
18 of 17 homeland security planning workshops state-wide, which  
19 included a 2-day Homeland Security Summit that was attended by  
20 community leaders from across Illinois and the Illinois  
21 Homeland Security Coordinator; and

22           WHEREAS, In 2006, Richard Jaehne received the President's  
23 Leadership Award from the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System for his

1 work in fire and homeland security preparedness and programs;  
2 and

3 WHEREAS, Richard Jaehne's dedication to his profession and  
4 willingness to serve his community has made him a model for the  
5 people of the State of Illinois; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
7 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
8 we congratulate Richard L. Jaehne on the occasion of his  
9 retirement, thank him for his service to the people of the  
10 State of Illinois, and wish him many happy and healthy  
11 retirement years; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
13 presented to Richard Jaehne as a symbol of our esteem and  
14 respect.