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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of 3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Ron Schweizer on 4 the occasion of his retirement as President of the Elwood Fire 5 Protection District Board in July of 2012; and

WHEREAS, Following in his father's footsteps, Forrest (Shocky) Schweizer, who served as a volunteer firefighter from 1950 to 1960, Ron Schweizer joined the Elwood Fire Department in 1960 as a volunteer firefighter at the age of 18, where for a time he served under his cousin, Fire Chief Jay Schweizer; he steadily ascended the ranks, serving at the rank of lieutenant before becoming captain; and

WHEREAS, In 1972, Ron Schweizer became a trustee with the Elwood Fire Protection District Board; during his tenure with the Board, he helped bring full-time paramedics/firefighters to Elwood in 1994 and brought the design and construction of Elwood's new fire station to completion in 1997; and

WHEREAS, Ron Schweizer plans to spend his retirement traveling with his wife, Catherine, and spending time with his daughters, Linda and Liz; and

WHEREAS, Ron Schweizer has served as a model of hard work,

- 1 integrity, and dedication for the people of the State of
- 2 Illinois; therefore, be it
- 3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
- 4 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
- 5 we congratulate Ron Schweizer on the occasion of his retirement
- 6 and wish him many happy and healthy retirement years; and be it
- 7 further
- 8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
- 9 presented to Ron Schweizer as a symbol of our esteem and
- 10 respect.