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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Gregory Berk on the  
4 occasion of his retirement as Chief of the Wheaton Fire  
5 Department on May 31, 2013; and

6           WHEREAS, Gregory Berk has served in the fire service for 46  
7 years; he began his career with the Flossmoor Fire Department,  
8 where he served as Chief; in 2003, he became the Wheaton Fire  
9 Chief, where he has served for the past 10 years; and

10           WHEREAS, While he has been very active in all facets of the  
11 fire service, Gregory Berk has been especially devoted to the  
12 areas of emergency medical services, emergency management, and  
13 training; as a testament to his devotion, he has been a  
14 licensed paramedic since 1974 and he has been an adjunct  
15 faculty member at Southern Illinois University; and

16           WHEREAS, Throughout his career, Gregory Berk has been very  
17 active throughout the region and State with numerous committees  
18 and organizations; he was a past president of the Illinois  
19 Firefighters Association; he is a member of various State  
20 advisory boards with the Office of the State Fire Marshal and  
21 the Illinois Department of Public Health; he is a member of  
22 various regional boards/associations, including the DuPage

1 Fire Chiefs Association, the Ducomm Executive Board, the DuPage  
2 Emergency Telephone Safety Board, the Starcom Radio Steering  
3 Committee, and the DuPage Mayors and Managers; he also served  
4 as the MABAS Division 12 Incident Management Team Chief liaison  
5 and was one of the founding Chiefs for the West Suburban Fire  
6 Rescue Alliance and Tri-City planning group; and

7 WHEREAS, Gregory Berk serves as a model of hard work,  
8 integrity, and dedication for the people of the State of  
9 Illinois; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
11 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
12 we congratulate Gregory Berk on the occasion of his retirement  
13 and wish him continued success and happiness in the future; and  
14 be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
16 presented to Gregory Berk as a symbol of our esteem and  
17 respect.