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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate James M. Grady III on the occasion of his retirement as Chief of the Frankfort Fire District after 40 years of service; and

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WHEREAS, Chief Jim Grady III earned his Bachelor of Arts and his master's degree in Public Administration from Governors State University; he also attended Joliet Junior College, Moraine Valley Community College, and Lewis University; and

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WHEREAS, Chief Jim Grady III began his career with the Frankfort Fire District as a Volunteer Firefighter on May 25, 1976; he has held the ranks of Lieutenant, Assistant Chief, Deputy Chief, and Volunteer Fire Chief; he was appointed to the position of full-time Fire Chief on February 26, 1990; he was also an EMT and a paramedic for the District; and

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WHEREAS, Chief Jim Grady III was involved with the Frankfort Volunteer Firefighters Association and held several offices, including President; he is a past President of the Illinois Fire Chiefs Association; he is a member of the IFCA Education Research Foundation and the Illinois Firefighter Medal of Honor Committee and Foundation; he is a committee member for the Illinois Fire Service Institute Library

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1 Committee and a field staff instructor for the institute; he is  
2 on the staff of several community colleges and local  
3 universities; he is a member of the International Association  
4 of Fire Chiefs Volunteer Combination Officers Section Beyond  
5 Hoses-Helmets Leadership Team and Transition Courses; he was a  
6 member of the IAFC Constitution/By-Laws Committee; he has also  
7 been a featured speaker at Fire-Rescue International,  
8 IAFC-VCOS, FDIC, and numerous Illinois Fire Service  
9 Associations; and

10 WHEREAS, Chief Jim Grady III has numerous State of Illinois  
11 Certifications and has been recognized as a Chief Fire Officer  
12 Designee by the Center for Public Excellence; and

13 WHEREAS, Chief Jim Grady III and his wife, Bobbi Grady,  
14 have three children and four grandchildren; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
16 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
17 congratulate James M. Grady III on the occasion of his  
18 retirement and wish him continued success and happiness in the  
19 future; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
21 presented to Chief Jim Grady III as a symbol of our esteem and  
22 respect.