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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Commissioner Richard C.  
4 Ford II on the occasion of his retirement from the Chicago Fire  
5 Department (CFD) after over 35 years of service; and

6           WHEREAS, Commissioner Ford was named as Fire Commissioner  
7 in September of 2018 by Mayor Rahm Emanuel and has been in  
8 charge of over 4800 sworn members and an annual budget of over  
9 \$578 million; and

10           WHEREAS, After promotion through the ranks to Battalion  
11 Chief and before his appointment as Fire Commissioner,  
12 Commissioner Ford served as 1st Deputy Fire Commissioner, the  
13 department's Safety Officer, the Rail Transit Liaison for the  
14 City of Chicago and the Chicago Transit Authority, Assistant  
15 Director of Training for the CFD, Deputy District Chief, and  
16 Deputy Fire Commissioner of the CFD's Fire Prevention Bureau;  
17 and

18           WHEREAS, Commissioner Ford is a graduate of Southern  
19 Illinois University; he holds various professional  
20 certifications and numerous specialized training  
21 certifications; and

1           WHEREAS, Commissioner Ford has passed along skills,  
2 knowledge, and abilities to fire service members in the United  
3 States and abroad; he has been faithfully committed to  
4 mentoring new firefighters and paramedics and to promoting the  
5 advantages of continuing education and obtaining professional  
6 certifications; he has developed and implemented a number of  
7 fire service initiatives and training programs; therefore, be  
8 it

9           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
10 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
11 we congratulate Commissioner Richard C. Ford II on the  
12 occasion of his retirement from the Chicago Fire Department  
13 after over 35 years of service, and we wish him the best in all  
14 his future endeavors; and be it further

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