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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois wish to congratulate Arthur Barnings on the occasion of his retirement as a trustee from the Homer Township Fire Protection District on May 1, 2003; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Barnings started in the Chicago Fire Department in 1957 and retired in 1987 as deputy fire chief; he was appointed as a Homer Township trustee in 1989 and appointed Homer Fire Protection District trustee in 1991; and

WHEREAS, During his time as trustee, the Fire Protection District went from one person on duty 24 hours a day and a total of 18 firefighters to nine firefighter paramedics on duty 24 hours a day, a full-time Public Education and Fire Prevention Bureau, and 86 firefighters; and

WHEREAS, Two new fire stations were built, and the main station was remodeled; new ambulances, fire equipment, and state-of-the-art safety equipment were purchased; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Barnings believes that education and prevention are the most important things a fire department can offer its citizens; the district has become a well-educated, equipped, and progressive fire protection district; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate Arthur Barnings on the occasion of his retirement as a trustee for the Homer Township Fire Protection District after 46 years of fire service to the people of Homer Township and Chicago; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Arthur Barnings as a token of our respect and esteem.