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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Tom Matousek began his fire service career on July 15, 1979, serving 30 years with the Forest Park Fire Department and the Associated Fire Fighters of Illinois (IAFF) Local 2753, until his retirement in 2009; and

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WHEREAS, Tom Matousek was a charter member of the Associated Fire Fighters of Illinois Honor Guard, beginning January 30, 1993, and became its State Commander at the Itasca Honor Guard Convention in 2006; and

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WHEREAS, Tom Matousek is a very strong proponent for union labor and has served IAFF Local 2753 in many capacities, including 20 years as the President; and

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WHEREAS, Tom Matousek battled for the Forest Park Fire Department, IAFF Local 2753's first union contract, and never lost a grievance while serving as President; and

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WHEREAS, Organizations such as the Associated Fire Fighters of Illinois are strong and successful due to strong leaders like Commander Matousek; and

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WHEREAS, Tom Matousek authored the Associated Fire Fighters of Illinois Honor Guard oath "To Honor, To Cherish, To

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1 Remember, To Salute, With Overwhelming Pride, For You, My
2 Comrade, I Will"; and

3 WHEREAS, Tom Matousek is retiring as State Commander of the
4 Associated Fire Fighters of Illinois Honor Guard; therefore, be
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6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
7 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
8 we congratulate Tom Matousek on his retirement and request that
9 he enjoy it, along with his children, Kristin, Anthony, and
10 Kyle; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
12 presented to AFFI Honor Guard Commander Tom Matousek as a
13 symbol of our respect and esteem.