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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Illinois House of Representatives wishes to
3 congratulate the Breese Fire Department on the occasion of its
4 125th anniversary and recognize its tradition of bravery and
5 dedication; and

6 WHEREAS, The Breese Fire Department was founded in January
7 of 1892, twenty-one years after the founding of the town of
8 Breese; and

9 WHEREAS, The Breese Volunteer Fire Department No. 1,
10 started with seventeen men who, before the department received
11 horses, pulled the fire pump to emergencies; and

12 WHEREAS, The Breese Fire Department's pump was purchased,
13 and the fire house was completed in October of 1892, a little
14 more than nine months after the founding of the department; and

15 WHEREAS, The department purchased its first motorized fire
16 truck in 1918, which was funded by firemen picnics, masked
17 balls, dances, and taxes from the Breese Township; and

18 WHEREAS, Today, the Breese Fire Department averages one
19 hundred and twenty emergency calls a year, has six emergency
20 vehicles, and thirty-five volunteer firefighters; and

1 WHEREAS, The Breese Fire Department exemplifies the best
2 qualities of rural Illinois and the community spirit that
3 defines the small towns and villages of this great State; and

4 WHEREAS, The department continues to live up to its motto,
5 "Semper Paratus" or "Always Ready"; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
7 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
8 congratulate the Breese Fire Department on its 125th
9 anniversary, and that we wish it 125 more years of continued
10 operation and faithful service to its community; and be it
11 further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be sent
13 to the Breese Fire Department and Chief Robert Wuest.