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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to commend Mitchell "Mitch" Davis for his
4 35 years of service and to honor his family's 112 years of
5 service to the Eureka Fire Department; and

6 WHEREAS, Mitch Davis is among four generations of his
7 family to serve the Eureka Fire Department; his maternal
8 great-uncle, George Haecker, volunteered with the department
9 for 55 years from 1908 until his death in 1963; his maternal
10 grandfather and George's younger brother, Alf Haecker, served
11 for 52 years from 1921 to 1973; his younger brother, Mike
12 Davis, served for 20 years from 1992 to 2012; and

13 WHEREAS, Mitch Davis joined the Eureka Fire Department on
14 February 6, 1985; during his career, he held every position on
15 the department, including secretary-treasurer, captain,
16 lieutenant, assistant chief, and chief; he served as chief
17 from 2004 to 2006, and he was the last chief of the Eureka Fire
18 Station before the Eureka-Goodfield Fire Protection District
19 switched to a district chief in 2007; and

20 WHEREAS, During his tenure, Mitch Davis responded to more
21 than 2,500 emergency calls, which included fires, auto
22 extrications, rescue operations, and supporting calls for an

1 ambulance when needed; he fought major fires at Morton
2 buildings and Knapp Lumber in Goodfield, Hair Improvements and
3 Lemn Precast in Eureka, and Uftring Chevrolet in Washington;
4 he helped in the aftermath of tornadoes in Eureka in May 2003,
5 Parsons Company Inc. in Roanoke in July 2004, and Washington
6 in November 2013; he oversaw sending personnel and equipment
7 to two hurricane recovery efforts, which were Gustav on the
8 East Coast in 2002 and Katrina on the Gulf Coast in 2005; and

9 WHEREAS, Mitch Davis retired from the Eureka Fire
10 Department on February 29, 2020; his retirement marks the end
11 of a 112-year legacy for his family, who served the fire
12 department for a combined 162 years; and

13 WHEREAS, Mitch Davis helped in preserving the history and
14 traditions of the Eureka Fire Department, and his leadership,
15 knowledge, and friendship will be missed; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
17 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
18 we commend Mitchell "Mitch" Davis for his 35 years of service
19 to the Eureka Fire Department and the citizens of Eureka, and
20 we wish him well in retirement; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That we honor Mitch Davis' family for their 112
22 years of service across four generations to the Eureka Fire

1 Department; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
3 presented to Mitch Davis as an expression of our esteem and
4 respect.