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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate the Northwest St. Clair
4 County Fire Protection District on the occasion of its 75th
5 anniversary; and

6 WHEREAS, In 1946, the Northwest Volunteer Fire Department
7 was organized by a group of concerned citizens who realized
8 the need for fire protection for the unincorporated area
9 located just outside the Belleville city limits; and

10 WHEREAS, The Number 1 Fire Station was built at 1513 North
11 Belt West by volunteers who were involved in the forming of the
12 fire department; as the department developed to the south in
13 the 1950s, volunteer firemen again came together, and Engine
14 House No. 2 was built; and

15 WHEREAS, From the department's inception through 1976, it
16 operated on a subscription service; however, the department
17 never refused service to anyone; and

18 WHEREAS, In 1980, the district was the first in the area to
19 require that all firefighters become certified firefighters by
20 the Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal; and

1 WHEREAS, In 1986, the three fire districts were combined
2 into the Northwest St. Clair County Fire Protection District;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, In 1997, residents overwhelmingly supported a
5 bond issue, permitting the building of a new state of the art
6 fire station at 3407 South Belt West; and

7 WHEREAS, As the department continued to grow, the amount
8 of training in specialized areas expanded, including technical
9 rescue, hazmat, confined space, high angle, EMS, line officer,
10 and chief officer; and

11 WHEREAS, As with those dedicated individuals who founded
12 the fire department in 1946, the firefighters today continue
13 the legacy of providing the best possible service to the
14 district through training and education, in order to provide
15 the necessary life saving skills to residents; therefore, be
16 it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
18 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
19 we congratulate the Northwest St. Clair County Fire Protection
20 District on its 75th anniversary; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the Northwest St. Clair County Fire Protection
2 District as a symbol of our respect and esteem.