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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Fire fighters serve communities across Illinois
3 by putting our safety above their own; and

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WHEREAS, Fire fighters often work in a toxic environment
5 filled with smoke, soot, and other carcinogens; and

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WHEREAS, According to research, fire fighters have a 9%
7 greater chance of being diagnosed with cancer and a 14%
8 greater chance of dying from cancer than the general
9 population; and

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WHEREAS, Fire fighter occupational cancer is the leading
11 cause of line-of-duty deaths in professional fire fighters and
12 has reached epidemic levels; and

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WHEREAS, Studies have found a direct correlation between
14 the chemical exposures fire fighters experience on the job and
15 their increased risk for cancer; and

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WHEREAS, All 50 states in the United States recognize
17 cancer as a presumptive workers' compensation claim for fire
18 fighters; and

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WHEREAS, Early detection of cancer through routine

1 screening leads to earlier treatment and better disease
2 outcomes, including improved survival and reduced morbidity;
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4 WHEREAS, The International Association of Fire Fighters
5 (IAFF) and the Firefighter Cancer Support Network (FCSN) have
6 declared January as Fire Fighter Cancer Awareness Month;
7 therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
9 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
10 we declare the month of January 2024 as Fire Fighter Cancer
11 Awareness Month in the State of Illinois; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
13 presented to the International Association of Fire Fighters
14 (IAFF) and the Firefighter Cancer Support Network (FCSN) with
15 our sincere appreciation for their efforts.