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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Earl Reitz on the  
4 occasion of being the first recipient of the Earl  
5 Reitz/Heartbeat of a Fireman Award; and

6           WHEREAS, Earl Reitz was born on May 26, 1929; he married  
7 Pearl Ann Schaack in October of 1950; and

8           WHEREAS, Earl Reitz served his country with pride and  
9 distinction as a member of the United States Army during the  
10 Korean War, spending his time in Germany; and

11           WHEREAS, Earl Reitz was employed at and managed the IGA  
12 grocery store in Waterloo for over 25 years; and

13           WHEREAS, Earl Reitz joined the Waterloo Fire Department in  
14 1957; his father, George Reitz, was an active fireman from 1931  
15 to 1958; the father and son served in the department together  
16 for a year; and

17           WHEREAS, Earl Reitz was an active firefighter with the  
18 Waterloo Fire Department from 1957 until 1977, when he became  
19 an honorary active, a position that he holds today; and

1           WHEREAS, Earl Reitz served in many important capacities  
2 during his tenure with the Waterloo Fire Department; he served  
3 as secretary in 1959 and 1960; he served as vice president in  
4 1961; he also served as president in 1962 and 1963; and

5           WHEREAS, Earl Reitz and his wife, Pearl Ann, have 3  
6 children, Jane Gaitsch (Darrell), Judi Aubuchon (Charlie), and  
7 Jeff Reitz (Lori), and 4 grandsons, Adam Gaitsch (Melissa),  
8 Stephen Aubuchon, Jonathan Aubuchon, and Ian Reitz; and

9           WHEREAS, Earl Reitz's dedication to his profession and his  
10 willingness to serve his community make him a model for the  
11 people of the State of Illinois; therefore, be it

12           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
13 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
14 congratulate Earl Reitz on the occasion of being the first  
15 recipient of the Earl Reitz/Heartbeat of a Fireman Award and  
16 wish him continued success and happiness in the future; and be  
17 it further

18           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
19 presented to Earl Reitz as a symbol of our esteem and respect.