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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Jim Bruno on the
4 occasion of his retirement from the Kankakee City Fire
5 Department; and

6 WHEREAS, Jim Bruno began his fire service career with the
7 Kankakee Township Fire Protection District in January of 1982
8 following the sudden passing of his father; he served with the
9 Kankakee Township Fire Department until 1988; during his
10 tenure, he was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant and was the
11 first paramedic in the department; and

12 WHEREAS, On December 5, 1988, Jim Bruno was sworn in as a
13 member of the Kankakee City Fire Department; he accomplished
14 many certifications during his 20 1/2 year career; and

15 WHEREAS, Jim Bruno was the recipient of the Kankakee Fire
16 Department Distinguished Service Award on September 21, 1990
17 for saving the life of a woman who was found in the living room
18 of her burning structure at Stone Street and 6th Avenue in
19 Kankakee; the woman was found during the primary search in a
20 chair 20 feet from the front door in cardiac arrest; with the
21 help of fellow firefighter Steve Born, Mr. Bruno carried the
22 woman out the door and placed her onto a waiting stretcher,

1 then proceeded to perform ALS treatment to the hospital; the
2 woman made a complete recovery; and

3 WHEREAS, Jim Bruno is a very strong proponent for union
4 labor; he joined the Kankakee Fire Fighters Union in January of
5 1989; he has served as a chaplain for 2 years and, most
6 recently, as the Executive Board Secretary for the past 4
7 years; he has attended numerous courses on how to succeed in
8 grievance and arbitration hearings and numerous health and
9 safety courses held by the IAFF; he attended classes on how to
10 negotiate labor contracts through the University of Illinois;
11 he served as the Firefighters Union Delegate for the Kankakee
12 Federation of Labor from 1996 until 2005; he has also been a
13 member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers
14 since 1992 and has been a strong proponent of the IBEW labor
15 movement; and

16 WHEREAS, Jim Bruno is a member of the Associated Fire
17 Fighters of Illinois Honor Guard and is the Fourth District
18 First Shirt; and

19 WHEREAS, Jim Bruno's wife, Stacey Ann, is a Captain with
20 the United States Army Reserve; he has 3 children, Austyn
21 James, Andrew Joseph, and Abbie Jolin; and

22 WHEREAS, During his retirement, Jim Bruno will continue to

1 support the labor movement and will remain a member of the
2 Kankakee Fire Fighters Union, the Honor Guard, and the IBEW;
3 therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
5 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
6 congratulate Jim Bruno on the occasion of his retirement and
7 wish him many happy and healthy retirement years; and be it
8 further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
10 presented to Jim Bruno as a symbol of our esteem and respect.