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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are pleased to congratulate Mundelein Fire Chief Tim Sashko for receiving the "2013 Most Innovative Blood Drive Coordinator Award" from the Illinois Coalition of Community Blood Centers; and

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WHEREAS, In 2008, because of his desire to help his community and his competitive nature, Chief Sashko developed the Firefighters' Blood Donor Challenge; and

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WHEREAS, In its first year, 3 Lake County fire departments took part in the Challenge; and

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WHEREAS, By 2012, 36 fire departments were participating in the Challenge and collected over 3,148 units of blood in a single year; and

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WHEREAS, Since its inception under Chief's Sashko's leadership, the Firefighter Challenge has expanded from Lake County to a statewide effort and the Firefighter Blood Donor Challenge has increased 700%; and

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WHEREAS, Chief Sashko has helped bring the "Partners in Savings Lives" program, which educates high school students on

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1 the importance of becoming life long donors, to Mundelein High
2 School, which now because of his efforts, host 4 annual blood
3 drives, collecting an average of 700 units of blood; and

4 WHEREAS, Chief Sashko works to insure one drive each month
5 is held in his community so that donors have a consistent and
6 convenient place to donate; and

7 WHEREAS, Chief Sashko reaches beyond the fire departments
8 and encourages community groups to also join in the Firefighter
9 Blood Donor Challenge; and

10 WHEREAS, Chief Sashko hosted a bone marrow drive and
11 successfully added 82 members to the National Bone Marrow
12 Registry; and

13 WHEREAS, In 2013, LifeSource nominated Chief Sashko as the
14 "2013 Most Innovative Blood Drive Coordinator" in a statewide
15 competition hosted by the Illinois Coalition of Community Blood
16 Centers; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
18 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
19 we congratulate Chief Tim Sashko for receiving the "2013 Most
20 Innovative Blood Drive Coordinator Award", commend him for his
21 selfless service and dedication to saving lives in his

1 community, and wish him continued success in promoting blood
2 donation; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
4 presented to Chief Sashko as a symbol of our respect and
5 esteem.