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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate James "Jim" Berry on the
4 occasion of his retirement as Chief of the Lexington Fire
5 Department; and

6 WHEREAS, James Berry earned his First Fire Fighter III and
7 First Instructor II certifications in McLean County; he also
8 served as an Instructor for University of Illinois Fire Service
9 Institute; and

10 WHEREAS, James Berry served with the Lexington Fire
11 Department since June of 1980 and has served as the
12 Department's fire chief since 1994; and

13 WHEREAS, During his career, James Berry led the Lexington
14 Fire Department and other departments in fighting several major
15 fires, including the Myers fire in 1990, the Lexington High
16 School fire in 2002, the Lexington Fire Station fire in 2002,
17 and several other structure fires in Lexington and other
18 neighboring communities; he also replaced 4 fire trucks during
19 his career; and

20 WHEREAS, James Berry is an avid wood worker; and

1 WHEREAS, James Berry and his wife, Kay Berry, have 3
2 children, Luke Berry, Shawnalee Smith, and Erin Finnigsmier;
3 therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
5 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
6 we congratulate James "Jim" Berry on the occasion of his
7 retirement and wish him continued success and happiness in the
8 future; and be it further

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