

BY: Senator PHILLIPS

COMMENDING Dave Berkanholtz upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 39 years of dedicated service to the Bellerose Fire Department on April 10, 2018

WHEREAS, Citizens across our State and Nation are inspired by and indebted to our noble volunteer firefighters who exhibit courage and bravery every day in the course of their duties; and

WHEREAS, Volunteer firefighters exemplify the power of human compassion and the strength of the American spirit through actions of the most heroic magnitude; their sacrifices and their selfless dedication merit tribute and recognition by all citizens of this great country; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Dave Berkanholtz upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 39 years of dedicated service to the Bellerose Fire Department to be celebrated at an Event on Tuesday, April 10, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Dave Berkanholtz joined the Bellerose Fire Department in 1979; throughout his 39 years of service, he has held several positions within the Department including: Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President and President; currently, he is serving as President for his second term; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his leadership roles, Dave Berkanholtz is a certified pump operator and driver; in this capacity, he has taught many of the Department's members to drive and pump the apparatus; and

WHEREAS, Firefighters unwaveringly serve our great State with pride, valor, and integrity; these respected volunteers are often the first to respond to an emergency, whether the emergency is a fire, transportation accident, natural disaster, act of terrorism, medical crisis, or spill of hazardous materials; and

WHEREAS, It takes a special dedication, a strong desire to help others and a tireless sense of community to forsake precious time with family and friends to respond to the signal that a neighbor is in need; Dave Berkanholtz is such a firefighter; throughout 39 years of devoted service, this volunteer heroically performed, above and beyond the call of duty, those responsibilities which define the task of fire protection; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Dave Berkanholtz upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 39 years of dedicated service to the Bellerose Fire Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be

transmitted to Dave Berkanholtz.