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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Timothy L. Dotson on the
4 occasion of his retirement from the Chicago Police Department;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Timothy Dotson was born in Chicago to Leroy and
7 Ida Grace Dotson on June 5, 1966; he attended Frank L.
8 Gillespie Elementary School and Chicago Vocational Jr. High
9 School, where he majored in commercial arts; he then enlisted
10 in the United States Marine Corps; and

11 WHEREAS, Timothy Dotson married his high school
12 sweetheart, Thaddy Jenise Dotson, and they had three children,
13 Timothy Jr., Tiffany, and Troy; and

14 WHEREAS, Timothy Dotson served his country on active duty
15 in the Marine Corps for approximately seven years; he served in
16 various capacities including as a field artillery cannon crew
17 chief, a military policeman, and a cadre trainer; his military
18 service took him to numerous places, including California,
19 Okinawa, and Seoul; it was his stint as a military policeman
20 that cultivated his desire to work within the law enforcement
21 profession; and

1 WHEREAS, While still on active duty with the Marines,
2 Timothy Dotson attended the Ventura County Police & Sheriff's
3 Academy; he graduated as the outstanding cadet of his class and
4 was hired as a reserve police officer for the beach front city
5 of Port Hueneme, California; and

6 WHEREAS, Upon conclusion of his active duty military
7 obligation, Timothy Dotson returned home to the Chicago area
8 and worked as a firearms instructor for PBS, a private security
9 school; he was hired a short time later by the Chicago Transit
10 Authority as a bus operator, where he worked until the City of
11 Gary (Indiana) hired him as a police officer; he attended the
12 Indiana Law Enforcement Academy in Plainfield, Indiana, where
13 he was named president of the class by his peers and Squad
14 Leader of Class 94-117 by the academy staff; and

15 WHEREAS, As a Gary Police Officer, Timothy Dotson was
16 entrusted to work within the Public Morals Bureau after only a
17 few short months on the job; he later worked on the Lake County
18 Violent Crimes Fugitive Task Force or "Safe Streets", headed by
19 the Federal Bureau of Investigation; he was recognized by the
20 Optimist Club of Hammond Indiana for his dedication to duty; he
21 was also recognized by the Merrillville office of the FBI for
22 his role in Safe Street's achieving 500 arrests; and

23 WHEREAS, Timothy Dotson served the City of Gary Indiana for

1 three years before moving back to Chicago and accepting a
2 position with the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District
3 Police, where he served for two years before realizing his
4 dream of serving with the Chicago Police Department; and

5 WHEREAS, Timothy Dotson served the citizens of Chicago with
6 distinction; during his 20-year career, he worked in the Grand
7 Crossing Police District as a patrolman, field training
8 officer, tactical officer, and gang enforcement officer; his
9 other assignments included special operations and the training
10 academy; after 17 years of hard work and dedication, he was
11 promoted to the rank of detective; and

12 WHEREAS, Timothy Dotson's first assignment was as a Special
13 Victim's Unit Detective; he later worked within the Violent
14 Crimes Unit as a Homicide and General Investigation Detective;
15 he completed both a Bachelor of Science in Law Enforcement
16 Management and a Master of Science in Public Safety
17 Administration; and

18 WHEREAS, Timothy Dotson received numerous awards and
19 commendations, including two CPD Life Saving Awards, three
20 departmental commendations, and over 70 departmental honorable
21 mentions; and

22 WHEREAS, Timothy Dotson has also been ordained as a gospel

1 minister and has attained a master's degree in ministry from
2 the McCormick Theological Seminary; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
4 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
5 congratulate Timothy L. Dotson on his retirement from the
6 Chicago Police Department, and we wish him the best in all his
7 future endeavors; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
9 presented to Timothy Dotson as an expression of our esteem and
10 respect.