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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate Captain Elton McClendon on the occasion of his retirement from the Chicago Police Department on May 15, 2004; and

WHEREAS, Captain McClendon was one of the first Field Training Officer's for the Chicago Police Department; he was promoted to Sergeant ranking 54 out of 8,000 applicants, he attended and graduated from Northwestern University's School of Command, and was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant where he placed number 4 within 600 finalists; and

WHEREAS, Captain McClendon attended Chicago State University at the age of 55, earning his Bachelor's and Master's degrees; and

WHEREAS, He has been privileged to sit on a Blue Ribbon Panel which initiated the present mandatory drug screening process that the Chicago Police Department is currently using; he was sent to Birmingham, Alabama, by the Department to sit on an assessment panel where he interviewed applicants for the position of Lieutenants in the Birmingham Police Department and the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department; and

WHEREAS, On May 13, 2004, a celebration in honor of Captain McClendon retirement was held at South Shore Cultural Center in Chicago; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate Captain Elton McClendon on his retirement after 33 faithful years with the Chicago Police Department; and we wish him good health and happiness in all his future endeavors; and be it further

1           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
2 presented to Captain Elton McClendon as a token of our  
3 admiration.