



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Citizens of our State who place themselves in  
3 harm's way to protect the public are worthy of recognition; and

4 WHEREAS, It has come to our attention that Oak Lawn Police  
5 Chief Robert V. Smith, Jr., is retiring from his position after  
6 32 years of protecting and serving the citizens of Oak Lawn;  
7 his distinguished career has included countless successful law  
8 enforcement operations that helped protect his community; and

9 WHEREAS, Chief Smith, a fourth-generation police officer,  
10 began his career with the Oak Lawn Police Department in 1974 as  
11 a patrol officer; in the detective division from 1980 until  
12 2002, he served as acting sergeant, sergeant, lieutenant, and  
13 as chief of detectives; he began his term as Chief of Police in  
14 2002; and

15 WHEREAS, He has earned many honors during his time on the  
16 force, including a Citation of Merits from the V.F.W., the  
17 Medal of Honor from the Cook County Sheriff, FBI Recognition,  
18 the United States Secret Service Award, 23 Meritorious Service  
19 Awards, 37 Department Honorable Mentions, the Police Officer of  
20 the Year Award in 1982, and the Drug Enforcement Administrators  
21 Award; and

22 WHEREAS, He valiantly served his country as a member of the  
23 United States Marine Corps from 1969 to 1971; he holds a  
24 bachelor's degree in criminal social justice from Lewis  
25 University and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy; he  
26 also has an Associate in Applied Science from Daley Community  
27 College, and he attended Moraine Valley Community College as  
28 well; he graduated from Bogan High School in Chicago; and

29 WHEREAS, His dedication and commitment of the full  
30 resources of the Oak Lawn Police Department during the Jesse

1 Quintanilla investigation in 1998 and the pseudoephedrine  
2 investigations in 2001-2003 enabled the DEA, the U.S.  
3 Attorney's Office, and other law enforcement agencies to  
4 successfully investigate, prosecute, and convict many of the  
5 area's most significant narcotic traffickers; he was  
6 officially recognized by the DEA and by U.S. Attorney Patrick  
7 J. Fitzgerald for his support of such investigations;  
8 therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
10 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
11 we congratulate Oak Lawn Police Chief Robert V. Smith, Jr., on  
12 the occasion of his retirement, and we express our sincere  
13 gratitude for his willingness to serve his community and our  
14 State for the past 32 years; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
16 presented to Chief Smith as an expression of our esteem and  
17 with best wishes for a relaxing retirement.