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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 3 State of Illinois are pleased to recognize the 20th anniversary 4 of the Champaign County Crime Stoppers; and

5 WHEREAS, Since 1986, the Champaign County Crimestoppers 6 have been helping area law enforcement agencies make Champaign 7 County a safer place to live; and

WHEREAS, Crimestoppers is a tax-exempt, not-for-profit organization dedicated to reducing the amount of crime and the number of unsolved crimes in Champaign County; it was formed to overcome public apathy about getting involved and to eliminate the fear of retaliation from criminal elements; and

WHEREAS, Cash rewards of up to \$1,000 are paid for information which leads to an arrest or the recovery of stolen property; callers to the TIPS phone line are not required to identify themselves; instead, each caller is given a secret code number which is then used in all subsequent contacts; reward payments are made in a manner designed to preserve the anonymity of the caller; and

WHEREAS, This worthy program has made an impact in Champaign County; since its inception through 2005, 1,160 cases have been solved resulting in 918 arrests; property recovered has totaled \$405,903, and narcotics recovery has totaled \$686,031, for a total of \$1,091,934 recovered as a result of the Champaign County Crimestoppers; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we recognize the 20th anniversary of the Champaign County Crime Stoppers, and we applaud the supporters of this valuable program; and be it further

- 1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
- 2 presented to the Champaign County Crimestoppers as an
- 3 expression of our esteem.