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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Harold O. Martin  
4 III on the occasion of his retirement as Chief of the Yorkville  
5 Police Department after 31 years of dedicated service; and

6           WHEREAS, Harold Martin III has had a long and distinguished  
7 career in law enforcement; he began his law enforcement career  
8 as an officer with the Newark Police Department, serving there  
9 from 1975 to 1979; he then accepted a position as an officer  
10 with the Yorkville Police Department in 1979; in 1995, he was  
11 promoted to the rank of Sergeant; in 1997, he was promoted to  
12 the rank of Lieutenant; in 2001, he was promoted to Chief of  
13 Police, where he remained until his retirement; and

14           WHEREAS, Harold Martin III implemented numerous programs  
15 at the Yorkville Police Department during his tenure as Chief;  
16 he was instrumental in the establishment of the Board of Police  
17 and Fire Commissioners; he started the department's traffic  
18 unit, accident reconstruction program, and cadet program; he  
19 started the first police department medication disposal  
20 program in the State; he improved the department's K-9 unit  
21 with the inclusion of an ATF bomb dog; he added a school  
22 resource officer to the department; he also implemented the  
23 department's administrative adjudication process; and

1           WHEREAS, Harold Martin III was well known within the ranks  
2 of the Yorkville Police Department for his commitment to  
3 education; due to his direct support, nearly the entire  
4 department has a college degree and every supervisor has  
5 attended the police staff and command school at Northwestern  
6 University; and

7           WHEREAS, Harold Martin III serves as a model of hard work,  
8 integrity, and dedication for the people of the State of  
9 Illinois; therefore, be it

10           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
11 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
12 congratulate Harold O. Martin III on the occasion of his  
13 retirement and wish him many happy and healthy retirement  
14 years; and be it further

15           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
16 presented to Harold Martin III as a symbol of our esteem and  
17 respect.