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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Bourbonnais Chief
4 of Police Joseph Beard on his retirement, December 31, 2010;
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6 WHEREAS, Chief Joseph "Joe" Beard was hired as Chief of
7 Police in 1979 and has served under five mayors; his
8 accomplishments over 31 years include watching Bourbonnais
9 grow from a population of 8,000 to over 18,000, keeping the
10 Department updated with the latest technology, overseeing the
11 construction of a new police facility, and obtaining his CPA
12 license; and

13 WHEREAS, Chief Beard has been associated with the Rotary
14 Club, the Hundred Club, the Eastern Illinois Administrators
15 Association, the Tri-River Police Training Region Board, and
16 the Victim Assistance Center; Chief Beard was instrumental in
17 working with the Chicago Bears and Olivet Nazarene University
18 to ensure the safety of hundreds of thousands of visitors to
19 Bourbonnais; and

20 WHEREAS, Chief Beard played a key role in the 1999 Amtrak
21 Crash in Bourbonnais; Chief Beard, along with Sheriff Tim
22 Bukowski and Fire Chief Michael Harshbarger, established a

1 unified command post that remained in operation for over 24
2 hours; and

3 WHEREAS, Joseph Beard is married to Sheila; he is the proud
4 father of Christopher, Sam, Allison, Adam, and the late Nathan;
5 therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
7 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
8 congratulate Chief Beard on his retirement and wish him the
9 best in his future endeavors; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
11 presented to Chief Joseph Beard as a symbol of our respect and
12 esteem.