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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate John King as he
4 retires from his position as Bond County Circuit Clerk; and

5 WHEREAS, After 43 years of serving the public as a police
6 officer and the circuit clerk of Bond County, John King retired
7 on January 31, 2011; and

8 WHEREAS, He was first elected to the post in 1996, and was
9 re-elected in 2000, 2004, and 2008 to four-year terms; and

10 WHEREAS, He was hired as a City of Greenville police
11 officer in 1968; he was appointed police chief in 1980 and
12 retired from that position just before being elected as circuit
13 clerk; he arrived in Greenville in 1964, attending Greenville
14 College; he thought that being a police officer would be a good
15 life experience, and applied at the Greenville police
16 department and was hired as a patrolman; and

17 WHEREAS, He also served as chairman for five years in Zone
18 3 for the Illinois Circuit Clerk's Association, spending one
19 year as State president in 2007, and then another year as
20 immediate past president; and

1 WHEREAS, The circuit clerk is the keeper of the court
2 records, filing and overseeing all criminal cases, orders of
3 protection, traffic tickets, juvenile matters, lawsuits, small
4 claims cases, passports, and divorces; in 1997, the first full
5 year John King was circuit clerk, a total of 1,411 traffic
6 tickets were written by police in the county; in 2009, the
7 number was over 8,000 and last year there were 7,752 tickets
8 issued; and

9 WHEREAS, After retirement, he will remain very active in
10 the Okaw Valley Radio Club, where he is currently the
11 president; he also wants to do some traveling, become more
12 involved in photography, and possibly do a little work on the
13 side, to have funds for his amateur radio activities;
14 therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
16 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
17 we congratulate John King on his retirement and wish him well
18 in all his future endeavors; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to John King as a symbol of our respect and esteem.