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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Sheriff Richard A.
4 Randall on the occasion of his retirement as Sheriff of Kendall
5 County; and

6 WHEREAS, Richard Randall is a native of Massachusetts; he
7 and his wife of 46 years, Myrla, have lived in the area since
8 1968; in that time, he has served in a number of public safety
9 roles; and

10 WHEREAS, After his honorable discharge in 1968 from the
11 United States Air Force, where he reached the rank of sergeant
12 and was a jet engine mechanic, Richard Randall was hired as a
13 Yorkville police officer, where he managed to juggle his
14 education at Waubensee Community College, his career as a
15 police officer with the Yorkville Police Department, and his
16 growing family; and

17 WHEREAS, After graduating from Waubensee, Richard Randall
18 continued his education, earning a Criminal Justice Management
19 Certificate from Aurora University and attending the FBI
20 National Academy in Quantico, Virginia, where he graduated from
21 the Academy's Law Enforcement Executive Development program;
22 and

1 WHEREAS, Richard Randall's career path led him to become
2 Chief of Police for the Yorkville Police Department, where he
3 served from 1979 until 1986, when he was elected to serve as
4 Kendall County Sheriff; and

5 WHEREAS, Now completing his 7th term as sheriff, Richard
6 Randall is the longest-serving sheriff in Kendall County
7 history; this role has enabled him to work with regional,
8 national, and international law enforcement agencies to fight
9 crime; he also served as the executive co-chairman of United
10 States local and state representatives for "Project North
11 Star", an initiative to stop cross-border crime between the
12 United States and Canada; and

13 WHEREAS, During Richard Randall's tenure as sheriff,
14 Kendall County has experienced an incredible population boom;
15 because of this, his staff has seen similar growth, rising from
16 26 employees in 1994 to more than 130 staff members today; and

17 WHEREAS, Richard Randall's commitment to his community
18 extends far past his duties as Sheriff; he has been a member of
19 the Bristol-Kendall Fire Department, where he now serves as a
20 volunteer captain; he was a past president of the Kendall
21 County United Fund and a charter member of Yorkville Substance
22 Abuse Via Education; he is a charter sponsor of the Kendall

1 County Criminal Justice Explorer Scouts Post #1155; he is also
2 a member the Yorkville Lions Club and the Kendall County
3 Historical Society; and

4 WHEREAS, Richard Randall and his wife live in Yorkville;
5 they have 3 children, Ryan, Kara, and Mark, and 3
6 grandchildren; and

7 WHEREAS, Sheriff Richard Randall serves as a model of hard
8 work, 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-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
12 we congratulate Sheriff Richard A. Randall on the occasion of
13 his retirement and wish him continued success and happiness in
14 the future; and be it further

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