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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to honor Kane County Sheriff Patrick Perez
4 for his many decades of dedicated service to his community as
5 he prepares for his retirement; and

6 WHEREAS, Sheriff Patrick Perez is a lifelong resident of
7 Kane County; he comes from a law enforcement and public safety
8 family with more than 80 years of experience, including his
9 late father, Pete Perez, who served as an Aurora police officer
10 and as Kane County Undersheriff; and

11 WHEREAS, Sheriff Patrick Perez joined the Kane County
12 Sheriff's Office in 1992; throughout the years, he achieved the
13 rank of Sergeant while serving as Supervisor of the Special
14 Operations Unit, member of the Gang and Drug Enforcement Unit,
15 Supervisor of Patrol Division, Supervisor of the
16 Investigations Division, Supervisor of the Civil Division, and
17 member of the Illinois Attorney General's Gang Task Force; and

18 WHEREAS, Sheriff Patrick Perez was involved in a joint
19 FBI-Kane County 1,250-pound marijuana bust, the largest in the
20 Department's history; and

21 WHEREAS, Sheriff Patrick Perez was sworn in as Kane County

1 Sheriff on December 1, 2006; he was subsequently re-elected to
2 the position in 2010; and

3 WHEREAS, Sheriff Patrick Perez raised accountability in
4 the Kane County Jail, reduced lawsuits against personnel and
5 the Department, and expanded outreach services; he established
6 mandatory random drug testing for deputies, redeployed
7 personnel to place more deputies on the street, and expanded
8 community policing and outreach to the community; he also
9 established a full time crime analyst, resulting in a much more
10 proactive approach to law enforcement and reduction in crime;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Sheriff Patrick Perez successfully spearheaded
13 the move of the Sheriff's Office and Jail in August of 2008,
14 including 511 inmates, without incident; this effort also
15 involved 320 employees being relocated without interruption of
16 service to the public; and

17 WHEREAS, Sheriff Patrick Perez is a 2007 graduate of the
18 Southern Police Institute Chief Executive Leadership class; he
19 is also a member of the National Sheriffs' Institute Class of
20 2007; and

21 WHEREAS, Sheriff Patrick Perez was nominated for the Kane
22 County Officer of the Year award in 1998; he has received 2

1 Meritorious Service Awards, a Leadership Award, and a Life
2 Saving Award; in 2008, he received the statewide Hector Jordan
3 Lifetime Achievement Award; in 2014, he was awarded the Pat
4 Valdez Award in honor of his exceptional service in the support
5 and promotion of the Kane County Sheriff's Fraternal Order of
6 Police Lodge #14; and

7 WHEREAS, Sheriff Patrick Perez is a past coach, co-founder,
8 and board member of Aurora Superstars Youth Tackle Football,
9 now in its 15th year; the league provides guidance for youths
10 ages 8 through 12 and has grown from 200 to nearly 400
11 participants; and

12 WHEREAS, Sheriff Patrick Perez served as Co-Chairman of the
13 CASA Kane County Advisory Committee, fundraising co-chair for
14 Fox Valley United Way, and was appointed to the Illinois
15 Criminal Justice Information Authority Board; he founded the
16 Sheriff's Annual Car and Motorcycle Show, raising over \$80,000
17 for various charities; he is also involved with Easter Seals,
18 Disabled American Veterans, the Daniel P. Figgins Memorial
19 Foundation, CASA, Special Olympics Illinois, the Pediatric
20 Brain Tumor Foundation, the Fox Valley United Way, and
21 Make-A-Wish Illinois; and

22 WHEREAS, Sheriff Patrick Perez and his wife, Terrie, are
23 the parents of Stephan and Gabe and the grandparents of

1 Bentlee; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
3 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
4 we honor and congratulate Kane County Sheriff Patrick Perez for
5 his service and achievements on behalf of the residents of Kane
6 County and wish him a long and happy retirement; and be it
7 further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
9 presented to Sheriff Patrick Perez as an expression of our
10 esteem and respect.