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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Ronald P. Cooley of
4 Petersburg on the occasion of his retirement as Executive
5 Director of the Illinois State Police Merit Board on December
6 31, 2016; and

7 WHEREAS, Ronald Cooley has been called a Yankee Doodle,
8 having been born on the Fourth of July; he attended St. Joseph
9 Grade School in Pekin, where his mother was a teacher, and he
10 graduated from Pekin High School; and

11 WHEREAS, Ronald Cooley has been serving as Executive
12 Director of the Illinois State Police Merit Board since January
13 1, 2008; as Executive Director, he demonstrated his unique
14 abilities to transcend political philosophies for the
15 betterment of all Illinois citizens; he was the driving force
16 for the establishment of Public Act 97-1051 and the State
17 Police Merit Board Public Safety Fund, a dedicated funding
18 source for Illinois State Police cadet training so the
19 department will be able to maintain staffing levels necessary
20 for the safety of Illinois motorists; and

21 WHEREAS, Ronald Cooley served as the Deputy Chief of Staff
22 for Intergovernmental Operations under former Comptroller,

1 Dawn Clark Netsch, and as the Deputy Director for
2 Intergovernmental Affairs under Secretary of State, Jesse
3 White; and

4 WHEREAS, Following his retirement, Ronald Cooley will
5 continue to volunteer and serve his community with various
6 organizations; he was instrumental in organizing the Secretary
7 of State Annual Vehicle Show and Swap Meet and will remain
8 interested in classic cars and antique tractors; he will
9 continue volunteering at the Peoria Area Food Bank; he serves
10 as President of the Illinois State Police Heritage Foundation
11 and has made it his goal to fund and construct an Illinois
12 State Police Memorial Park on South Sixth Street in
13 Springfield, adjacent to the Illinois State Police
14 headquarters; he will also continue serving on the Illinois
15 State Fair Museum Foundation Board, a group dedicated to
16 continuing the legacy of the Illinois State Fair, and the
17 DuQuoin State Bank Board of Directors; and

18 WHEREAS, Ronald Cooley is looking forward to spending more
19 time with his family, including his wife, Linda Morris-Cooley,
20 his children, Kristi, Michael, and Nick (Heather), and his
21 grandchildren, Zabian, Sebastian, Julian, Mason, and
22 AnnaBelle; and

23 WHEREAS, Ronald Cooley serves as a model of hard work,

1 integrity, and dedication for the people of the State of
2 Illinois; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
4 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
5 congratulate Ronald P. Cooley on the occasion of his retirement
6 and wish him continued success and happiness in the future; and
7 be it further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
9 presented to Ronald Cooley as a symbol of our esteem and
10 respect.