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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Kenny Ryker, chief of
4 police for the City of Litchfield, after an extraordinary
5 career of over 23 years of dedicated service to Litchfield and
6 the citizens of Illinois; and

7 WHEREAS, Chief Ryker began his journey in law enforcement
8 after graduating from the Police Training Institute in
9 Champaign in 2001; he first served as a Saluki patrolman while
10 attending Southern Illinois University before later serving as
11 an investigator with the South Central Illinois Drug Task
12 Force; and

13 WHEREAS, Chief Ryker and his fellow members were
14 responsible for the arrests of multiple drug traffickers and
15 violent criminals while with the task force; and

16 WHEREAS, Chief Ryker and his team on the task force
17 persevered and ultimately removed countless pounds of
18 dangerous drugs off our streets, preventing hundreds of
19 would-be addicts from going down that path, often while facing
20 dangerous and life-threatening situations; and

21 WHEREAS, Chief Ryker later returned to patrol, where he

1 spent years as a patrol sergeant, protecting his community
2 through the night hours; and

3 WHEREAS, Chief Ryker's leadership and professionalism
4 earned him a promotion to lieutenant, where he continued to
5 excel before ultimately being entrusted with the role of chief
6 of police; and

7 WHEREAS, Chief Ryker is the second generation in a
8 three-generation law enforcement family, as the son of retired
9 Clay County Sheriff and former ILETSB Investigator Lee Ryker,
10 and his service has honored his family's respected name in the
11 Illinois law enforcement community; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
13 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
14 we congratulate Chief Ryker on his retirement, thank him for
15 his years of service to his community and to the State of
16 Illinois, and wish him, his wife and son, and his family the
17 best in their future endeavors; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 delivered to Chief Ryker as a symbol of our respect and esteem.