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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

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- 2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of 3 Representatives wish to congratulate Colonel JoAnn D. Johnson 4 on the occasion of her retirement from the Illinois State 5 Police (ISP); and
- WHEREAS, Col. Johnson has served with the ISP for over 28 years; she was promoted to the rank of Colonel on November 1, 2016, becoming the first African American woman to reach the rank of Colonel; and
 - WHEREAS, Col. Johnson began her law enforcement career as a trooper with the ISP in 1989; she has worked patrol, general criminal investigations, and narcotics investigations in the Chicago area, where she was promoted to the rank of Sergeant; she served under the Director's Office as an Investigative Sergeant in the department's Office of Equal Employment Opportunity before being promoted to the rank of Master Sergeant, Investigative Squad leader; in 2008, she was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant, Division of Operations District 15 Patrol; and
- 20 WHEREAS, In 2010, Col. Johnson relocated to Springfield and 21 accepted a position as Lieutenant, Special Projects Officer at 22 the Illinois State Police Training Academy, ultimately being

- 1 assigned as the Educational Services Bureau Chief; she is a
- 2 Senior National Instructor for Fair and Impartial Policing,
- 3 LLC.; she is a certified facilitator with FranklinCovey for The
- 4 7 Habits for Law Enforcement, The Nobility of Policing, Leading
- 5 at the Speed of Trust, and Diversity Centered Leadership; and
- 6 WHEREAS, In 2012, Col. Johnson accepted a position under
- 7 the Director's Office as Chief of the Office of Equal
- 8 Employment Opportunity, where she served until 2013; in 2013,
- 9 she was appointed to Lieutenant Colonel in the Division of
- 10 Internal Investigation; she was promoted to Colonel in November
- 11 of 2016; and
- 12 WHEREAS, In 2014, Col. Johnson was appointed to serve as a
- 13 law enforcement representative on the Governor's Racial
- 14 Profiling Prevention and Data Oversight Board, where she
- 15 continues to serve; and
- 16 WHEREAS, Col. Johnson is a graduate of the Northwestern
- 17 School of Police Staff and Command, Class #282 and the Illinois
- 18 Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board Executive
- 19 Institute Police Executive Role in the 21st Century; she holds
- 20 a Bachelor of Science in Administration of Justice from
- 21 Southern Illinois University and a Master of Arts in
- Organizational Leadership from Lewis University in Romeoville;
- 23 and

- 1 WHEREAS, Col. Johnson married Richard Johnson in 2013 and
- 2 together they have two daughters; therefore, be it
- 3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
- 4 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
- 5 congratulate Colonel JoAnn D. Johnson on her retirement from
- 6 the Illinois State Police, thank her for her service to the
- 7 State of Illinois, and wish her the best in all her future
- 8 endeavors; and be it further
- 9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
- 10 presented to Col. Johnson as an expression of our esteem and
- 11 respect.