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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Thomas Q. Weitzel on the  
4 occasion of his retirement as police chief for the City of  
5 Riverside; and

6           WHEREAS, Chief Weitzel has been with the Riverside Police  
7 Department since September 1984; he has held various positions  
8 within the department, including Crime Prevention Coordinator,  
9 Evidence Technician, Public Information Officer (PIO), MCAT  
10 member (Major Crime Assistance Team), Field Training Officer,  
11 and Internal Affairs Supervisor; he became police chief in  
12 2008; prior to joining the Riverside Police Department, he  
13 served as a patrolman for the Chicago Zoological Park Police  
14 at Brookfield Zoo; and

15           WHEREAS, Chief Weitzel has received the Kevlar/DuPont  
16 Survivor's Club Award (1987), the Police Valor Award (1997),  
17 the Police Medal of Honor (1998), the Distinguished Public  
18 Servant Award (2005), the Cook County Sheriff's Law  
19 Enforcement Award of Merit (2006), and the Gazette Newspaper  
20 Public Official of the Year Award (2006); he has over 200  
21 Honorable Mentions and Commendation letters from citizens and  
22 police departments and is a published author on the subject of  
23 law enforcement; and

1           WHEREAS, Chief Weitzel is a member of the Fraternal Order  
2 of Police, the Police Benevolent Association, the Illinois  
3 Police Association, the Northwestern University Alumni  
4 Association, the International Association for Identification,  
5 the Illinois Crime Prevention Officers Association, the West  
6 Suburban Chiefs of Police Association, and the Illinois  
7 Association of Chiefs of Police; and

8           WHEREAS, Chief Weitzel holds a master's degree in criminal  
9 social justice from Lewis University and is a graduate of the  
10 Illinois Law Enforcement Executive Institute's Executive  
11 Management program; he was recently honored as a Certified  
12 Police Chief for the State of Illinois; and

13           WHEREAS, Chief Weitzel is a graduate of the Northwestern  
14 University Center for Public Safety School of Staff and  
15 Command, where he served as Vice President of Class 115; he  
16 holds certificates of graduation from the Institute of Police  
17 Technology and Management at the University of North Florida,  
18 the National Crime Prevention Institute in Louisville,  
19 Kentucky, the F.B.I National Academy in Quantico, Virginia  
20 (Session 218), The Police Executive Role in the 21st Century  
21 in Bloomington, and the Law Enforcement Executive Development  
22 Program (LEEDA) F.B.I.; he is a graduate of the Southwestern  
23 Law Enforcement Institute's Center for Law Enforcement Ethics

1 in Richardson, Texas; he is a nationally certified ethics  
2 instructor through the Southwest Legal Foundation; therefore,  
3 be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
5 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
6 we congratulate Thomas Q. Weitzel on his retirement as police  
7 chief for the City of Riverside, and we wish him the best in  
8 all his future endeavors; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
10 presented to Chief Weitzel as a symbol of our respect and  
11 esteem.