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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate Kendall County Sheriff Dwight Baird on being named Sheriff of the Year by the Illinois State Crime Commission in October 2021; and

WHEREAS, In being awarded Sheriff of the Year, the Illinois State Crime Commission noted that Sheriff Baird continues to display outstanding professional standards in law enforcement and advanced field training and exemplifies the great service and safety programs of Kendall County; and

WHEREAS, The Illinois State Crime Commission also noted that Sheriff Baird has initiated several educational programs for Kendall County inmates and implemented a new video visitation program at no cost to taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, The Illinois State Crime Commission also praised Sheriff Baird's formation of a new domestic violence response team, community partnerships and outreach programs, implementation of body worn cameras, and many other improvements to communication with the public; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Baird was elected to the Office of Sheriff of Kendall County in 2014; he started his law

1 enforcement career in 1990 when he was hired by the Kendall
2 County Sheriff's Office as a deputy; and

3 WHEREAS, After serving with the Kendall County Sheriff's
4 Office for a year and a half, Sheriff Baird was hired by the
5 Oswego Police Department, where he worked in Investigations,
6 Patrol, and Undercover Narcotics and was a member of the
7 Special Response Team; he rose through the ranks within the
8 department to obtain the rank of Chief of Police in 2003, where
9 he remained until his retirement in December of 2014; and

10 WHEREAS, Sheriff Baird has been recognized for his
11 achievements throughout his career, which include a Life
12 Saving award by the Illinois Police Association, a Medal of
13 Valor award by the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police,
14 two Metropolitan Enforcement Groups Director awards, a 2007
15 Youth Service Volunteer award, and the 2006 Governor's Medal
16 of Honor award and being named Oswegoland Optimist Police
17 Officer of the Year in 1997 and Illinois Crime Commission
18 Police Chief of the Year in 2014; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
20 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
21 we congratulate Kendall County Sheriff Dwight Baird on being
22 named the 2021 Sheriff of the Year by the Illinois State Crime
23 Commission; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That we commend Sheriff Baird for his long and
2 successful career and thank him for all for his many years of
3 service to Kendall County and the State of Illinois, and we
4 extend our best wishes for continued success and happiness;
5 and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to Sheriff Baird as an expression of our esteem and
8 respect.