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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate Officer Douglas Rashkow on the occasion of his retirement from the Aurora Police Department; and

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WHEREAS, Officer Rashkow attended Highland High School, Purdue University, and the University of Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, Officer Rashkow has served the Aurora Police Department for nearly 30 years, beginning in May 1992; and

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WHEREAS, During that time, Officer Rashkow worked in the Community-Oriented Policing Unit in Aurora, coordinating efforts with various groups to build a strong relationship between youth and the Aurora Police Department; he also served on the department's Domestic Violence Reduction Unit for five years, where he advocated for victims and promoted programs that educate students about domestic violence; and

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WHEREAS, In the last 12 years, Officer Rashkow focused on true community policing by working with those in crisis or with mental illness, developmental or intellectual disabilities, and dementia; and

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1 WHEREAS, Officer Rashkow also served as a coordinator and
2 crisis negotiator for the Crisis Intervention Team with the
3 goal of creating a cohesive mental health community with area
4 hospitals, service providers, and government officials by
5 providing timely wrap-around services and reducing the
6 negative stigma associated with such issues; and

7 WHEREAS, Officer Rashkow was recognized for his diligence
8 in community service, advocacy for domestic violence victims,
9 and continual work with seniors within his community with the
10 Law Enforcement Award by the Illinois State Bar Association
11 (ISBA) in 2019; and

12 WHEREAS, Officer Rashkow will continue serving with the
13 Benedictine University Police; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
15 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
16 we congratulate Officer Douglas Rashkow on his retirement from
17 the Aurora Police Department, recognize his service to the
18 City of Aurora, and wish him the best in his future endeavors;
19 and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to Officer Rashkow as an expression of our esteem
22 and respect.