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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives congratulate Villa Park Chief of Police Ronald R. Ohlson on his retirement after many years of dedicated service; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Ohlson began with the Villa Park Police Department in 1972 as a patrolman and quickly moved up through the ranks serving as Police Liaison Officer, Detective, Sergeant, and Lieutenant/Deputy Chief before becoming Chief in 1991; and

WHEREAS, Chief Ohlson graduated from the F.B.I Academy in 1993; and

WHEREAS, He was awarded "Police Officer of the Year" by the Villa Park Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) and the State of Illinois; and in 2001, he received the Illinois Public Employees' Labor Relations Award; and

WHEREAS, Chief Ohlson has served as chairman of the Board of the DuPage County Major Crimes Task Force; he is the founder and past executive board member of the DuPage County Crime Commission; past executive board member of the Illinois Police Association; past vice chairman of the DuPage County Children's Center; past president of the Rotary Club of Villa Park and DuPage County Chiefs of Police; and Sergeant at Arms of the Illinois Chiefs of Police and the International Chiefs of Police; and

WHEREAS, During his service as Chief of the Villa Park Police Department, the Department received 1st place in the State of Illinois Traffic Challenge and was recognized for Community Policing programs for the National League of Cities and DuPage County; and

1           WHEREAS, Chief Ohlson has instituted many programs  
2 including the Gang Resistance and Education Training Program  
3 (G.R.E.A.T.), the Seniors and Lawmen Together (S.A.L.T),  
4 Citizens' Police Academy, the Crime Prevention Bureau, the  
5 Traffic Accident Reduction Enforcement Team (T.A.R.G.E.T.),  
6 the Youth Educational Shoplifting Program (Y.E.S.), the Teen  
7 Police Academy, the School Bus Safety Program, and many others;  
8 therefore, be it

9           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
10 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
11 congratulate Villa Park Police Chief Ronald R. Ohlson on his  
12 retirement after many years of exemplary public service and  
13 wish him well in all his future endeavors; and be it further

14           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
15 presented to Chief Ronald R. Ohlson as an expression of our  
16 respect and esteem.