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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Sergeant Barry
4 Groesch of the Yorkville Police Department on his retirement;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, He was born in Aurora and moved to Yorkville while
7 he was in the 2nd grade; he graduated from Yorkville High
8 School in 1978; and he attended Waubensee Community College;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Deciding to not pursue college, he went to work
11 for Barber-Greene, a factory that manufactured construction
12 equipment; when he turned 21 years old he was offered a job
13 with the Kendall County Sheriff's Department, where he worked
14 for two and a half years before being recruited by the
15 Yorkville Police Department; and

16 WHEREAS, The DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education)
17 program started in the 1980s, and Kendall County began a
18 countywide program, with Yorkville started their own program a
19 year later; Sergeant Groesch became a DARE prevention teacher
20 soon after, working with elementary and middle school kids; and

21 WHEREAS, Sergeant Groesch taught DARE classes over a

1 14-year period and became a statewide advocate of the program;
2 he was appointed as president of the Illinois DARE Officers
3 Association in 1997; he also served as the first school
4 resource officer at Yorkville High School and later worked as
5 the school resource officer at Yorkville Middle School; and

6 WHEREAS, In addition to his work with the Yorkville Police
7 Department, he has also worked with the Boy Scouts, Kendall
8 County TRIAD, the Citizens Police Academy, the Yorkville Clergy
9 Association, and others; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
11 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
12 we congratulate Sergeant Barry Groesch on his retirement and
13 wish him all the best in his future endeavors; and be it
14 further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to Sergeant Barry Groesch as a symbol of our respect
17 and esteem.