

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives of the State of
3 Illinois is pleased to recognize accomplishments in the lives
4 of citizens of Illinois; and

5 WHEREAS, It has come to our attention that Iroquois
6 County Sheriff Joe Mathy retired from his position in July of
7 2002 after 21 years in that position; and

8 WHEREAS, Prior to becoming Sheriff of Iroquois County, he
9 served as a patrolman in Bourbonnais, a mental health
10 employee at the Shapiro Developmental Center, and as a child
11 abuse investigator for the Department of Children and Family
12 Services in Watseka; and

13 WHEREAS, Sheriff Mathy was appointed to the post on
14 October 13, 1981 and subsequently served five terms; during
15 his tenure as sheriff, many improvements were made to the
16 department, including modernizing the department to include
17 computers in the office, modems in the patrol cars, automated
18 technology for fingerprinting, the establishment of a
19 full-time jail staff, courthouse security, and combined
20 dispatch; and

21 WHEREAS, Under Sheriff Mathy's leadership, the Court
22 Security Fund was established and has been used to aid in
23 hiring court security officers, for installing automated door
24 locks and other security equipment; and

25 WHEREAS, Sheriff Mathy's department was active in
26 philanthropic efforts; they held an annual golf outing in
27 which money was generated for the purpose of funding
28 scholarships, charitable donations, the Special Olympics
29 Torch Runs, Crimestoppers, and the Iroquois County Pledge for
30 life; and

31 WHEREAS, In addition to Sheriff Mathy's contributions to

1 Iroquois County, he was a member of the Illinois Sheriffs'
2 Association and was elected president of that organization
3 in 1998; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
5 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
6 we congratulate Sheriff Joe Mathy on the occasion of his
7 retirement; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
9 presented to Sheriff Joe Mathy.