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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

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2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of 3 Representatives wish to congratulate Commander Paul B. Nelson 4 on the occasion of his retirement from the Aurora Police 5 Department; and

WHEREAS, Paul Nelson was appointed as a police officer for the City of Aurora Police Department on June 29, 1987; and

WHEREAS, Paul Nelson served in all three bureaus within the Aurora Police Department and as Interim Chief; as a police officer, he served in patrol, investigations, and the gang task force; as a sergeant, he served as a patrol supervisor; as a lieutenant, he served as Patrol Watch Commander for the day and night shifts, Coordinating Officer for the Field Training Officer Program, Lieutenant in charge of Central Services, the Office of Professional Standards, and the Investigative Services Lieutenant; as a commander, he served as Commanding Officer of the Investigative Services Bureau and Support Services Bureau; and

WHEREAS, Paul Nelson was also a long-term member and Commanding Officer of the Special Response Team and Chairman of the Employee Review Board; and

WHEREAS, During his service to the Aurora Police Department, Paul Nelson received a Life Saving Award from the Illinois Police Association and a Medal of Valor when he helped save the lives of three people whose car drove off of the New York Street bridge; he was also recognized for saving a man who tried to stab himself; he was named the Aurora Police Department Employee of the Year and was nominated for the Exchange Club Officer of the Year; he received 12 appreciation letters and ten department commendations; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate Commander Paul B. Nelson on his retirement from the Aurora Police Department, and we commend him for his 30 years of service to the citizens of Aurora; we wish him the best in all of his future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Paul Nelson as a symbol of our esteem and respect.