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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Duane E. Wirth on the  
4 occasion of his retirement as Boone County Sheriff after 36  
5 years; and

6           WHEREAS, Sheriff Wirth is the second longest-serving  
7 sheriff in the State; he began as a part-time deputy in 1971;  
8 he became a full-time deputy in 1974 and was elected Sheriff in  
9 1978; and

10           WHEREAS, Sheriff Wirth has seen many changes since being  
11 first elected; his office has gone from 12 full-time deputies  
12 to more than 30, dispatch has gone from a desk top radio to a  
13 9-1-1 call center, files that were kept in a cabinet are now on  
14 computer, and he now oversees 5 budgets and has over 100  
15 employees, including 24 Sheriff's reserve volunteers and 15  
16 Explorer Scouts; and

17           WHEREAS, Sheriff Wirth considers his finest hour to be when  
18 he unexpectedly took part in the Fourth of July parade 28 years  
19 ago; he has been appearing in the parade every year since; and

20           WHEREAS, Sheriff Wirth takes great pride in his cooperation  
21 with all aspects of the law enforcement community; he enjoys a

1 close working relationship with neighboring agencies and  
2 encourages cooperation among his peers and subordinates; he has  
3 attended the FBI National Academy; and

4 WHEREAS, Sheriff Wirth is married to Dianne, and they have  
5 2 children, David and Dawn, and 4 grandchildren, Eden, Nolan,  
6 Madison, and Dawson; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
8 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
9 congratulate Duane E. Wirth on his retirement as Boone County  
10 Sheriff and wish him the best in all his future endeavors; and  
11 be it further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
13 presented to Sheriff Wirth as an expression of our esteem and  
14 respect.