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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Rebecca L. Hooks on  
4 becoming the first woman to reach the rank of first deputy  
5 director with the Illinois State Police (ISP) since the  
6 agency's inception in 1922; and

7 WHEREAS, First Deputy Director Hooks, who was promoted to  
8 the rank of first deputy director on December 1, 2023, has a  
9 23-year tenure with ISP and presently works at the agency's  
10 headquarters in downtown Springfield, serving as second in  
11 command of the ISP; and

12 WHEREAS, First Deputy Director Hooks earned her Bachelor  
13 of Science degree at Eastern Illinois University, majoring in  
14 zoology and minoring in chemistry; she joined ISP as a member  
15 of ISP Cadet Class #105 on February 24, 2002; and

16 WHEREAS, First Deputy Director Hooks began her law  
17 enforcement career as a trooper assigned to ISP District 15  
18 under the Division of Operations on August 23, 2002; she  
19 proceeded to serve under the Division of Forensic Services,  
20 where she was assigned to Crime Scene Services (CSS)  
21 Litchfield on March 1, 2006 and CSS Sterling on April 16, 2011;  
22 she was then promoted to sergeant of CSS Rockford on April 27,

1 2011; and

2 WHEREAS, First Deputy Director Hooks continued to serve  
3 under ISP's Division of Forensic Services, being promoted to  
4 master sergeant as a quality assurance administrator on  
5 September 16, 2015, to lieutenant assigned to CSS Northern  
6 Command on September 1, 2018, to captain as a crime scene  
7 commander on August 16, 2020, and to lieutenant colonel of the  
8 Division of Forensic Services on November 1, 2021; and

9 WHEREAS, First Deputy Director Hooks was assigned to Chief  
10 of Staff to the Office of the Director of the ISP on August 1,  
11 2022, and she was subsequently promoted to her current  
12 position, first deputy director, on December 1, 2023; and

13 WHEREAS, First Deputy Director Hooks is a certified  
14 bloodstain pattern analyst and crime scene investigator  
15 through the International Association for Identification; she  
16 has taught bloodstain pattern analysis courses to law  
17 enforcement agencies and departments across Illinois and the  
18 United States, and through ISP's partnership with the U.S.  
19 Department of State, she has also taught police  
20 internationally in Tbilisi and Batumi in the country of  
21 Georgia; and

22 WHEREAS, During her career with ISP, First Deputy Director

1 Hooks has been awarded two Department Unit Citations, a  
2 Certificate of Recognition for work associated with the  
3 Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, and  
4 the Violent Crime Expressway Ribbon; and

5 WHEREAS, First Deputy Director Hooks, outside of work, is  
6 an avid runner and has participated in numerous marathons,  
7 including the Chicago Marathon; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
9 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
10 we congratulate Rebecca L. Hooks on becoming the first woman  
11 to reach the rank of first deputy director with the Illinois  
12 State Police; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
14 presented to First Deputy Director Hooks as an expression of  
15 our esteem and respect.