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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Police Chief Brian Smith
4 of the Gurnee Police Department on the occasion of his
5 retirement after more than 25 years of dedicated service; and

6 WHEREAS, Chief Smith began his career with the Gurnee
7 Police Department in 2000; over the years, he progressed
8 through the ranks, becoming a patrol sergeant in 2010, a
9 patrol commander in 2014, deputy chief in 2017, and chief of
10 police in 2019; and

11 WHEREAS, Chief Smith led the Gurnee Police Department with
12 a commitment to excellence, humility, and selflessness and a
13 genuine desire to serve others; he oversaw his officers and
14 staff while imbuing in them the importance of integrity,
15 customer service, transparency, and technology, all aimed at
16 improving relationships and increasing public safety and the
17 safety of his officers; and

18 WHEREAS, Under Chief Smith's leadership, the Gurnee Police
19 Department has celebrated many notable achievements, including
20 increasing staffing and diversity, expanding community
21 engagement initiatives, enhancing crime prevention and
22 outreach, promoting officer wellness and resilience,

1 implementing technology and safety advancements, and upgrading
2 protective equipment to enhance officer and community safety;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, During Chief Smith's tenure, the Gurnee Police
5 Department faced unique challenges, including civil unrest and
6 the COVID-19 pandemic; through his guidance, dedication, and
7 resourcefulness, the Village of Gurnee exited these events
8 stronger than before; and

9 WHEREAS, Chief Smith has been a member of and held various
10 leadership roles in multiple public safety organizations,
11 including the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police, the
12 Lake County Chiefs of Police Association, the Lake County
13 Sheriff Criminal Justice Council, the Lake County Opioid
14 Initiative, the Lake County Crisis Outreach and Support, the
15 Northeastern Illinois Regional Crime Lab, the Northwest Police
16 Academy, and the Incident Management Team; and

17 WHEREAS, Chief Smith, who leaves the Gurnee Police
18 Department with a strong legacy and a positive future in the
19 capable hands of its officers and staff, will retire on
20 December 1, 2025; therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
22 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that

1 we congratulate Police Chief Brian Smith of the Gurnee Police
2 Department on his retirement, and we thank him for his more
3 than 25 years of dedicated service to the residents of the
4 Village of Gurnee and the State of Illinois; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
6 presented to Chief Smith as an expression of our esteem and
7 respect.