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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate Police Chief Eric Hefel, chief of police for the City of Galena, after an extraordinary career with the Galena Police Department; and

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WHEREAS, Chief Hefel began his local law enforcement career in East Dubuque before joining the Galena Police Department; and

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WHEREAS, Chief Hefel rose through the ranks in Galena, starting as a patrolman and then becoming a sergeant, investigator, and lieutenant before being appointed the chief of police in 2021, where he led a community-oriented policing approach, emphasizing dignity, respect, and citizen partnerships; and

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WHEREAS, Throughout his career, Chief Hefel was actively involved in narcotics enforcement throughout Northwest Illinois, resulting in numerous methamphetamine arrests; and

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WHEREAS, Chief Hefel attended DEA Clandestine Laboratory Training at the DEA Academy in Quantico, Virginia, where he was trained in methamphetamine production methods, safe entry and dismantling of labs, evidence collection, and hazards; and

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1 WHEREAS, In 2011, Chief Hefel joined the Galena Police
2 Department, where he was part of the Jo Daviess County
3 Critical Response Team that investigated the case of a
4 disappeared 14-year-old whose remains were later found in 2013
5 behind the family home after she was abused, strangled, and
6 murdered by her stepfather; and

7 WHEREAS, In 2014, the investigative team was invited to a
8 congressional breakfast in Washington, D.C., where its members
9 received the National Missing and Exploited Children's Award
10 from the NCMEC for their work on the case; and

11 WHEREAS, Chief Hefel has made a lasting impact on not only
12 the police department but on the entire City of Galena;
13 therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
15 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
16 we congratulate Police Chief Eric Hefel on his retirement,
17 thank him for his years of service to his community and to the
18 State of Illinois, and wish him the best in his future
19 endeavors; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to Chief Hefel as an expression of our esteem and

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