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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, It is highly fitting that the members of the
3 Illinois House of Representatives pay honor and respect to the
4 dedicated law enforcement officers who demonstrate
5 extraordinary perseverance and commitment in the pursuit of
6 justice for the citizens of this State; and

7 WHEREAS, Detective Michael Griffin of the Moline Police
8 Department has been named the 2026 Criminal Investigator of
9 the Year by the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police
10 (ILACP); and

11 WHEREAS, This prestigious honor, sponsored by the Illinois
12 Homicide Investigators Association, acknowledges Detective
13 Griffin's exemplary leadership and relentless dedication to
14 the investigation into the 1996 disappearance of 11-year-old
15 Trudy Appleby, a case that remained one of the most poignant
16 and difficult mysteries in the Quad Cities community for
17 nearly 30 years, representing 10,584 days of searching for
18 answers; and

19 WHEREAS, Since being assigned to the case in 2016,
20 Detective Griffin served as a "voice for the voiceless",
21 pouring through thousands of pages of prior interviews and
22 evidence and employing a strategic approach that included

1 targeted community outreach and building vital trust with
2 witnesses; and

3 WHEREAS, Detective Griffin's tireless efforts and advocacy
4 led to a breakthrough in August 2025, resulting in a grand jury
5 indictment of a suspect in Trudy's disappearance; and

6 WHEREAS, Detective Griffin was officially honored for his
7 outstanding service at the ILACP Awards Banquet on May 1,
8 2026; and

9 WHEREAS, Detective Griffin's work serves as a powerful
10 testament to the law enforcement profession and a reminder to
11 all that justice does not expire; his commitment continues as
12 he strives to fulfill his promise to the Appleby family to
13 bring Trudy home for a proper burial; 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 Detective Michael Griffin on being named the
17 2026 Criminal Investigator of the Year by the Illinois
18 Association of Chiefs of Police (ILACP), commend him for his
19 tenacity and brilliance in the Trudy Appleby investigation,
20 and extend our deepest gratitude for his service to the Moline
21 Police Department and the people of the State of Illinois; and
22 be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to Detective Griffin as an expression of our esteem
3 and respect.