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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to commend Robert Hugh Farley for more
4 than five decades of exceptional public service dedicated to
5 protecting children from abuse and sexual exploitation
6 throughout the State of Illinois; and

7 WHEREAS, Robert Hugh Farley began his distinguished law
8 enforcement career with the Cook County Sheriff's Police
9 Department in 1988, serving for more than 30 years and rising
10 to the rank of detective, where he investigated all forms of
11 child abuse, including child sexual abuse and child homicide;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Robert Hugh Farley founded the Child Exploitation
14 Unit under the Cook County Sheriff's Police Department in
15 1997, establishing one of the first full-time law enforcement
16 units in the world dedicated exclusively to combating the
17 online solicitation and sexual exploitation of children; and

18 WHEREAS, Under Robert Hugh Farley's leadership, the Child
19 Exploitation Unit achieved extraordinary success, securing
20 numerous arrests and convictions of child predators, earning
21 national and international recognition, and serving as a model
22 for similar units across the globe; and

1 WHEREAS, Following his retirement from law enforcement,
2 Robert Hugh Farley served as an international child
3 exploitation consultant for INTERPOL, conducting investigative
4 training seminars at its headquarters in Lyon, France, as well
5 as at New Scotland Yard's High Tech Crime Law Enforcement
6 Training Centre in England; in addition, he has trained law
7 enforcement professionals in more than 20 countries worldwide;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, As an internationally recognized expert in child
10 abuse investigations, Robert Hugh Farley has co-authored books
11 and professional publications and provided technical
12 assistance and consulting services to the United States
13 Department of Justice, the Federal Bureau of Investigation,
14 and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, Through his innovative training curriculum,
17 Robert Hugh Farley has influenced investigative practices
18 adopted by thousands of law enforcement agencies, child
19 protection organizations, advocacy centers, and prosecutors
20 worldwide; and

21 WHEREAS, Robert Hugh Farley has been a proud resident of
22 the Village of Deerfield and Lake County for 26 years, and he

1 is supported by his loving wife, Donna, their children,
2 Jennifer, Melissa, and Jordan, their children's spouses, and
3 their grandsons, Bradley and Taylor; and

4 WHEREAS, After a lifetime of extraordinary dedication and
5 service, Robert Hugh Farley will officially retire on October
6 18, 2026; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
8 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
9 we commend Robert Hugh Farley for his unwavering commitment to
10 protecting children, his extraordinary contributions to law
11 enforcement in Illinois and around the world, and for the
12 enduring legacy he leaves through the countless professionals
13 he has trained and the many lives he has helped safeguard; and
14 be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to Robert Hugh Farley as a symbol of our esteem and
17 respect.