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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Chief Curt W. Barker on
4 the occasion of his retirement from the Macomb Police
5 Department; and

6 WHEREAS, Chief Barker earned both of his degrees, a
7 Bachelor of Science in Law Enforcement and Justice
8 Administration in 1992 and a Master of Arts in Law Enforcement
9 and Justice Administration in 2010, from Western Illinois
10 University; in addition to attending numerous law enforcement
11 related classes, he graduated from the Public Safety Police
12 Staff and Command Course, session #323, at Northwestern
13 University in 2012; he was given the designation of Certified
14 Police Chief by the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, Chief Barker served in the U.S. Army Reserves for
17 over 20 years, which included two tours in Iraq; he was awarded
18 the Bronze Star Medal; he retired at the rank of major; and

19 WHEREAS, Chief Barker began his law enforcement career as
20 a patrol officer with the Macomb Police Department in 1994; he
21 was promoted to sergeant in 2001; he was then promoted to
22 lieutenant in 2004; immediately after his promotion to

1 lieutenant, he was appointed deputy chief and served in that
2 capacity until his appointment as chief of police in 2009; he
3 has held numerous additional duties within the Macomb Police
4 Department, including as department training officer, master
5 firearms instructor, field training officer, juvenile officer,
6 honor guard member, and Explorers Program advisor; he also
7 served as an adjunct instructor of Criminal Justice coursework
8 at Western Illinois University from 2017 to 2020; and

9 WHEREAS, During his tenure as police chief, Chief Barker
10 trained and led a department that responds to every call with
11 professionalism, formulated and set forth work practices and
12 procedures to improve police operations, oversaw the
13 accreditation of the department, saved the city of Macomb
14 thousands of dollars through budget cutting measures, obtained
15 grants to further offset costs and fund programs, implemented
16 programs such as the Strategic Response Team and the Explorers
17 Program, and coordinated department activities with local,
18 State, and federal law enforcement agencies; and

19 WHEREAS, Chief Barker belongs to a number of
20 organizations, including the International Association of
21 Chiefs of Police, the Illinois Association of Chiefs of
22 Police, the Central Illinois Association of Law Enforcement
23 Executives, the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #189, American
24 Legion Post #6, and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1921; and

1 WHEREAS, Chief Barker further serves his community in
2 several ways, including as treasurer of the McDonough County
3 Emergency Telephone Systems Board, as a member of the
4 McDonough County Quality of Life Committee, as treasurer of
5 the McDonough County/Macomb Communications Board, as a member
6 of the Community University Partnership Program (CUPP), and as
7 a volunteer with the Shop with a Cop program; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
9 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
10 we congratulate Chief Curt W. Barker on the occasion of his
11 retirement from the Macomb Police Department, and we commend
12 him for his 27 years of service to his community and the State
13 of Illinois; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
15 presented to Chief Barker as an expression of our esteem and
16 respect.