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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Sheriff Jon Sandage on
4 the occasion of his retirement as Sheriff of McLean County;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Prior to his law enforcement career, Sheriff
7 Sandage earned his Associate of Applied Science in Law
8 Enforcement and his Bachelor of Science in Advanced Technical
9 Studies from Southern Illinois University; he later completed
10 all training and examinations required to earn his
11 certification as a traffic crash reconstructionist in 2003 and
12 graduated from the National FBI Academy in 2012, where he
13 received his Criminal Justice Education Certificate from the
14 University of Virginia; and

15 WHEREAS, Sheriff Sandage started his career as a deputy
16 sheriff with the McLean County Sheriff's Office on July 15,
17 1991; and

18 WHEREAS, Sheriff Sandage was assigned as an inspector to
19 the Illinois State Police Drug Task Force in January 1997,
20 where he worked undercover to investigate the sale,
21 manufacturing, and distribution of illegal drugs; and

1 WHEREAS, Sheriff Sandage was promoted to the rank of
2 sergeant in December 1998 and assigned to the Patrol Division,
3 where he served as a field supervisor and watch commander; he
4 was reassigned as the supervisor in charge of the Law and
5 Justice Center security in 2008; and

6 WHEREAS, Sheriff Sandage was promoted to lieutenant in
7 2009 and assumed command of the Patrol Division; he took
8 command of the Criminal Investigation Division in 2011; and

9 WHEREAS, Sheriff Sandage was sworn in as the 46th Sheriff
10 of McLean County on December 1, 2014, serving two consecutive
11 terms until his retirement on November 30, 2022; during his
12 tenure, he oversaw many of complexities associated with the
13 operational needs of the organization while simultaneously
14 facing the challenges of the construction and opening of the
15 jail expansion and the global COVID-19 pandemic; and

16 WHEREAS, Sheriff Sandage is a decorated peace officer and
17 has received multiple awards during his career, including a
18 Meritorious Services Citation, 10 Commendation Citations, a
19 Good Conduct Citation, an Education Citation with Silver Star,
20 a National Disaster Service Citation, and the John Edgar
21 Hoover Memorial Award for continually seeking a lifetime of
22 education and advancement; he has also received the great
23 honor of being named to the American Police Hall of Fame and

1 has received multiple letters of appreciation for his efforts;
2 therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
4 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
5 we congratulate Sheriff Jon Sandage on his retirement as
6 Sheriff of McLean County, and we recognize his commitment and
7 service to the community and the State of Illinois; and be it
8 further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
10 presented to Sheriff Sandage as an expression of our esteem
11 and respect.