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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate Derwin Lee Ryker on the occasion of his retirement from law enforcement in Illinois after 41 years of dedicated service; and

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WHEREAS, Lee Ryker served in the U.S. Air Force from 1972 to 1976; he was stationed in Thailand, where he loaded munitions ordinances on F-4 Phantoms and achieved the rank of sergeant; and

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WHEREAS, Lee Ryker began his career in law enforcement as a jailer for the Richland County Sheriff's Office; he then worked as a police officer for the City of Olney from 1979 to 1984; and

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WHEREAS, Lee Ryker served as deputy and chief deputy of the Clay County Sheriff's Office from 1984 to 1990; and

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WHEREAS, Lee Ryker was elected four times and served as sheriff of Clay County from 1990 to 2005; during this time, he served as a Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) instructor in Clay County Schools and a chaplain, and he was later elected as president of the Illinois Sheriff's Association; and

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1 WHEREAS, Lee Ryker served as warden of the Illinois
2 Department of Corrections Lawrence Correctional Center from
3 2005 to 2011; and

4 WHEREAS, Lee Ryker has served as a police training
5 specialist and as a sworn investigator for the Illinois Law
6 Enforcement Training and Standards Board since 2014, and he
7 will continue to serve until 2023, making him a part of the
8 training and certification of thousands of law enforcement
9 officers across the State of Illinois; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
11 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
12 we congratulate Derwin Lee Ryker on the occasion of his
13 retirement from law enforcement after 41 years of dedicated
14 service, and we express our deep appreciation for his
15 distinguished and respected career as a law enforcement leader
16 in the State of Illinois.