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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate Sergeant Shawn Curry of the Peoria Police Department for completing his term as chair of the Illinois Police Officers' Pension Investment Fund (IPOPIF); and

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WHEREAS, Sgt. Curry was appointed by Governor JB Pritzker to serve on the IPOPIF Transitional Board for one year in 2019, which he was then selected to lead as chair; he was overwhelmingly elected to full term in 2021, serving as chair of the IPOPIF Board until 2023; and

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WHEREAS, Through IPOPIF, Sgt. Curry was placed in charge of creating an investment fund that would have a value of over nine billion dollars in assets and overseeing a consolidation of 357 local pension funds, which was the largest consolidation of its kind in the nation; and

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WHEREAS, Sgt. Curry worked with municipal leaders, state officials, union leaders, and pension board trustees to ensure the process was done with transparency, integrity, and free from special interests; and

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WHEREAS, Sgt. Curry oversaw the drafting of policies and

1 procedures and the hiring of executives, a legal team, subject
2 matter experts, and fund executives; and

3 WHEREAS, Most importantly, Sgt. Curry worked with all
4 parties to create and oversee the first IPOPIF Board of
5 Trustees' election that encompassed the entire State of
6 Illinois; and

7 WHEREAS, Sgt. Curry often met with union leaders,
8 legislators, the governor's office, and police officers,
9 providing regular progress updates while outlining the future
10 direction of IPOPIF; he spent countless hours traveling the
11 State to meet with pension trustees to garner their trust and
12 answer any questions or concerns; and

13 WHEREAS, Sgt. Curry dedicated countless hours to the
14 pension fund while working as a third shift beat cop during the
15 COVID-19 pandemic and civil unrest; and

16 WHEREAS, At the end of his tenure as chair, Sgt. Curry
17 successfully completed the nation's largest consolidation of
18 local pension funds; and

19 WHEREAS, Sgt. Curry has a history of dedication and
20 service; he started his career at the Woodford County
21 Sheriff's Office, where he was named Deputy of the Year in

1 2003; and

2 WHEREAS, While serving the City of Peoria, Sgt. Curry has
3 earned several letters of commendation, six Distinguished
4 Service Awards, a Meritorious Service Award in 2018, and the
5 Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Valor Award; he was also
6 named the Police Officer of the Year in 2010 and the Illinois
7 Public Pension Fund Association's Person of the Year in 2019;
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9 WHEREAS, For over the past decade, Sgt. Curry has lobbied
10 for both victims of crime and for those who pursue justice in
11 Springfield and Washington, D.C.; and

12 WHEREAS, Sgt. Curry's most notable accomplishment has been
13 creating and passing the Illinois First Responders Suicide
14 Prevention Act in 2019; he and his wife, Dr. Michelle Lilly,
15 have trained over 1,000 first responders in mental health
16 awareness and suicide prevention; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
18 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
19 we congratulate Sergeant Shawn Curry for successfully
20 completing his term as chair of the Illinois Police Officers'
21 Pension Investment Fund (IPOPIF), and we thank him for his
22 continued service to the City of Peoria and the State of

1 Illinois; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
3 presented to Sgt. Curry as a symbol of our esteem and respect.