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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate Senior Chaplain Dan Lovin on the occasion of his retirement; and

WHEREAS, Chaplain Lovin entered into law enforcement chaplaincy at the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office in December 1994; he began serving the Mt. Vernon Police Department in May 1998, where he received training from the International Critical Incident Foundation, became a certified level one trauma stress specialist, and achieved master certification in chaplaincy with the International Conference of Police Chaplains; and

WHEREAS, Chaplain Lovin has served as chaplain of the Jefferson County Fraternal Order of Police, senior chaplain of the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police, where he was in charge of the organization's Critical Incident Response Team, chaplain coordinator for the Illinois Baptist State Association, and assistant state director and chaplain coordinator of Illinois Baptist Disaster Relief; and

WHEREAS, Chaplain Lovin's services have not only been called upon by his community and fellow officers but also by his country in times of crisis; he made multiple trips to New

1 York City to assist wherever he could following the 9/11  
2 attacks in 2001 and offered his services in New Orleans  
3 following Hurricane Katrina in 2005; and

4 WHEREAS, Chaplain Lovin has taught classes on crisis and  
5 grief trauma and chaplaincy for the International Conference  
6 of Police Chaplains' Regional Training Seminars, the Dubuque  
7 Police Department of Dubuque, Iowa, and a number of police  
8 departments in Illinois; he has also authored a law  
9 enforcement chaplaincy training manual to be used across the  
10 region; and

11 WHEREAS, Chaplain Lovin has been awarded the International  
12 Conference of Police Chaplains' John A. Price Award for  
13 Excellence in Chaplaincy in July 2010 and the Wentink-Kauffman  
14 Award for Excellence in Law Enforcement Chaplaincy in July  
15 2018; and

16 WHEREAS, Chaplain Lovin has made steadfast contributions  
17 to the criminal justice profession over the course of his  
18 career while generously providing a lifetime of service to  
19 those in need, including fellow officers, first responders and  
20 their families, the State of Illinois, and the nation;  
21 therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE

1 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
2 we congratulate Senior Chaplain Dan Lovin on his retirement on  
3 August 31, 2024, and we thank him for his dedication to law  
4 enforcement chaplaincy for over 30 years; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
6 presented to Chaplain Lovin as an expression of our esteem and  
7 respect.