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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives wish to congratulate Chief Michael Simo of the Morton Grove Police Department on the occasion of his retirement; and

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WHEREAS, Chief Simo has worked in law enforcement for 44 years, including 34 years with the Village of Addison Police Department, and he was hired as the Morton Grove police chief in 2014; he received a bachelor's degree in management and a master's degree in public safety administration; he graduated from a professional development program for local police at the FBI Academy; and

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WHEREAS, Among his accomplishments, Chief Simo oversaw the Morton Grove Police Department earn accreditation as a Tier II Law Enforcement Agency by the Illinois Law Enforcement Accreditation Program (ILEAP); he also helped convince the Village of Morton Grove to end a requirement that police officers had to purchase their own weapons, holsters, and extra magazines in order to provide more consistency in training, maintenance, and handling of weapons; he distributed personal protective equipment to first responders, and he reduced juvenile crime rates by working to promote a broad range of resources for after-school activities and childhood services; and

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1 WHEREAS, Chief Simo also represented Morton Grove as the
2 Executive Board President of the North Regional Major Crimes
3 Task Force (NORTAF) and the Northeastern Illinois Regional
4 Crime Laboratory (NIRCL) and acted as an instructor for the
5 Morton Grove Police Department's citizens police academy; and

6 WHEREAS, Under Chief Simo's tenure, the Morton Grove
7 Police Department was awarded the 2020 Illinois Traffic Safety
8 Challenge 1st Place Award and the 2020 Railroad Crossing and
9 Safety Award by the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police;
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11 WHEREAS, Chief Simo was the catalyst for bringing
12 significant and positive change to the Morton Grove Police
13 Department by enhancing training, purchasing modern equipment,
14 and improving communication and community relations; and

15 WHEREAS, Chief Simo considers his family his most
16 significant accomplishment, and he plans to enjoy spending
17 more time with his wife, Nancy, his four children, and his two
18 grandsons; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
20 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
21 we congratulate Chief Michael Simo on his retirement, we thank

1 him for his service, and we wish him all the best in his future
2 endeavors; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
4 presented to Chief Simo as a symbol of our respect and esteem.