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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate Master Sergeant Jennifer Smit of the Illinois State Police on the occasion of receiving the 2024 Danville Noon Rotary Vocational Service Person of the Year Award; and

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WHEREAS, The Danville Noon Rotary Vocational Service Person of the Year Award is presented to a local individual who best exemplifies the ideals of Rotary and the practice of high ethical standards in their chosen vocation; and

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WHEREAS, Master Sergeant Smit has pursued a career in law enforcement since she accepted the call to serve the citizens of Danville as a police officer in 2014; and

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WHEREAS, Master Sergeant Smit was an award-winning student-athlete and academic-honors recipient while attending Bishop McNamara High School in Kankakee and DePaul University, and she also excelled in completing her police academy studies; and

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WHEREAS, Master Sergeant Smit, who possesses a master's degree in education, previously served as a seventh-grade science teacher at North Ridge Middle School in Danville for

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1 nearly three years; and

2 WHEREAS, Master Sergeant Smit served as an officer at the  
3 Danville Police Department for three years before expanding  
4 her outreach by taking a position as a trooper with the  
5 Illinois State Police, where she was promoted to sergeant in  
6 less than five years and then to master sergeant in 2024; and

7 WHEREAS, Master Sergeant Smit was heavily endorsed by her  
8 supervisor, Illinois State Police Master Sergeant Kenneth  
9 Massey, to receive the 2024 Danville Noon Rotary Vocational  
10 Service Person of the Year Award, considering her to be an  
11 officer and a sergeant worthy of recognition; and

12 WHEREAS, Master Sergeant Smit further serves the community  
13 by donating her free time through volunteering, including  
14 assisting the Danville Area Community College (DACC)  
15 Foundation with scholarships and supporting the Women's  
16 Survival Resource Center with its annual Walk a Mile in Her  
17 Shoes fundraising event; and

18 WHEREAS, Master Sergeant Smit shows compassion to everyone  
19 in the community with whom she interacts and has helped people  
20 understand that just because officers are charged with  
21 enforcing the law that they are not to be feared; therefore, be  
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1           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
2 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
3 we congratulate Master Sergeant Jennifer Smit of the Illinois  
4 State Police on receiving the 2024 Danville Noon Rotary  
5 Vocational Service Person of the Year Award and commend her  
6 for the positive impact she has made and continues to make in  
7 her community; and be it further

8           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
9 presented to Master Sergeant Smit as an expression of our  
10 esteem and respect.