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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois are pleased to congratulate Niles Police Chief Gerald Sheehan on the occasion of his retirement after 33 years with the department; and

WHEREAS, Police Chief Sheehan will be retiring on September 3, 2004; he was named police chief in 2000 following the retirement of Chief Ray Giovannelli; he started out as a patrol officer with the department in 1971 and worked his way up through the ranks, serving as a detective, sergeant, lieutenant, commander, and deputy chief; and

WHEREAS, Police Chief Sheehan has seen the completion of a new police building which the department moved into in April; other accomplishments during his tenure include successful community policing efforts in the neighborhood near Gemini Junior High School, the establishment of the department's bike patrol unit and K-9 units, and the hiring of additional officers over the past few years; he credits all of these accomplishments to team effort; and

WHEREAS, Police Chief Sheehan's plans for after retirement include traveling with his wife, Pat; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate Niles Police Chief Gerald Sheehan on the occasion of his retirement after 33 years with the department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Police Chief Gerald Sheehan as an expression of our respect and esteem and with best wishes for a relaxing retirement.