



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Ignacio "Joe" Pena, Chief of Police in East
3 Dundee, Illinois, has announced his retirement; and

4 WHEREAS, Ignacio Pena was born and raised on the north side
5 of Chicago; he joined the Marine Corps in 1968, where he served
6 a tour of duty in Vietnam and rose to the rank of Sergeant; and

7 WHEREAS, In 1970 he married his high school sweetheart,
8 Leona; together they have raised three children, Ignacio, Jr.,
9 Christine, and Jacob; and

10 WHEREAS, He applied to join the ranks of the East Dundee
11 Police Department in 1974; in 1975 he became a full-time
12 officer, and he was appointed Police Chief in 1986; his fluency
13 in the Spanish language made him an asset to the department and
14 helped assist in communications with the East Dundee Latino
15 community; and

16 WHEREAS, In 2006 Chief Pena became President of the
17 Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police; as co-chair of Fight
18 Crime: Invest in Kids Illinois, he has promoted programs to
19 help children get the right start in life and stay on a
20 positive life track; the programs are supported by over 140
21 police chiefs, sheriffs, states' attorneys, police
22 organizations, and crime survivors; and

23 WHEREAS, Chief Pena's proudest professional accomplishment
24 is his work with the Illinois Special Olympics; he serves as
25 the Chairman of the Law Enforcement Torch Run Committee,
26 volunteering time and raising money, in addition to working
27 with the athletes; he was inducted into the International
28 Special Olympics Hall of Fame in 1998 for his hard work and
29 commitment to the organization; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
2 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
3 we congratulate Chief Pena on his retirement and wish him all
4 the best in the future; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
6 presented to Ignacio Pena, with our sincere regards.