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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the  
3 State of Illinois wish to congratulate Richard Farthing on the  
4 occasion of his retirement from the position of Roxana police  
5 chief after 12 years on June 29, 2007; and

6           WHEREAS, He joined the Roxana police force on August 30,  
7 1973 and succeeded Karl Oller as chief in September 1994; he  
8 was hired at age 23 when it was uncommon for police departments  
9 to hire officers younger than 25; and

10           WHEREAS, One of his goals upon becoming chief was to make  
11 sure the department was up-to-date in technology; he got the  
12 village to purchase computers and copy machines and worked to  
13 acquire grants that enabled the department to purchase mobile  
14 data terminals, mobile video cameras, mobile radio units,  
15 Internet service, bulletproof vests, tasers and other  
16 equipment; and

17           WHEREAS, He helped acquire additional funding for the  
18 Integrated Mini-Grant Enforcement Program (IMAGE) which  
19 informs and educates the public about impaired driving, safety  
20 belts, and child safety restraints; he served as the  
21 department's first D.A.R.E. officer and also taught students in  
22 driver's education; and

1           WHEREAS, He has worked for the Roxana police department for  
2 nearly 34 years and plans to move with his wife Barbara to Dent  
3 County, Missouri; therefore, be it

4           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
5 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
6 congratulate Richard Farthing on his retirement as chief from  
7 the Roxana police department and thank him for his service; and  
8 be it further

9           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
10 presented to Chief Farthing as a token of our esteem.