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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Oak Lawn Chief of
4 Police, William V. Villanova Jr., as he retires from his
5 position; and

6 WHEREAS, William Villanova Jr. began his law enforcement
7 career in 1977 as a patrol officer with the Oak Lawn Police
8 Department; he also served as Evidence Technician and Field
9 Training Officer until transferring to the Detective Division
10 in 1989; he earned the rank of sergeant, was selected to be a
11 team leader of the South Suburban Major Crimes Task Force, and
12 achieved the rank of lieutenant in 2003; in 2004, he was
13 appointed chief of detectives and then chief of police in 2006;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, William Villanova Jr. has been honored with
16 numerous awards and commendations throughout the years; in
17 1979, he received the first Department Commendation under the
18 newly developed Oak Lawn Police Awards program; in 1992, he
19 received the Oak Lawn Police John Murdoch Memorial Award as the
20 Police Officer of the Year and in 1997 he received the Cook
21 County Sheriff Law Enforcement Award of Merit and the Veterans
22 of Foreign Wars Post 5220 Police Office of the Year; in 2002,
23 the DEA Administrator awarded him and his tactical/narcotics

1 team with the Administrator's Award for Outstanding
2 Contributions to Drug Law Enforcement for their work in
3 Operation Mountain Express III and most recently in 2012, he
4 was named the Illinois State Crime Commission's Police Chief of
5 the Year; and

6 WHEREAS, William Villanova Jr. has served on the boards of
7 the Oak Lawn Police Club, the 5th District Chiefs Association,
8 and the South Suburban Association of Chiefs of Police,
9 including time as president; and

10 WHEREAS, William Villanova Jr. graduated from Northwestern
11 University's School of Police Staff and Command in 2000 and
12 attended Lewis University; and

13 WHEREAS, William Villanova Jr. has been married to his
14 wife, Linda, for 39 years; they have 3 children, Ken
15 (Vennessa), Kate (Sergio), and Chris; and 5 grandchildren,
16 Emily, Erin, Abby, Noah, Nolan; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
18 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
19 we congratulate Oak Lawn Chief of Police, William V. Villanova
20 Jr., as he retires from his position, thank him for his service
21 to the community, and wish him all the best in his future
22 endeavours; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to Chief William Villanova Jr. as an expression of
3 our esteem and respect.