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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Fairview Heights Police
4 Chief Nicholas Gailius on his selection as the 2017 Police
5 Chief of the Year by the Illinois Association of Chiefs of
6 Police; and

7 WHEREAS, The association recognized the leadership of
8 Chief Gailius after the unrest in Ferguson, Missouri in the
9 fall of 2014; he was called upon to lead the Unified Command
10 Center of local chiefs, who in turn collaborated with federal
11 and State agencies; and

12 WHEREAS, The achievements of Chief Gailius include:
13 creation of the city's first "Volunteers in Police Service";
14 co-founder of the Fairview Heights Youth Initiative group
15 mentoring project; creation of a cadet program, Metro-East
16 Cadets of Policing; creation of the Neighborhood Enforcement
17 Officers program; initiating the T.R.A.C.E.R. unit (Targeting
18 Residential and Area Concerns through Enforcement and
19 Responsiveness); and spearheading community outreach with
20 diverse leaders and community representatives; and

21 WHEREAS, Chief Gailius has served as Chief in Fairview
22 Heights since 2010; he started with the department as a Police

1 Explorer at the age of 14 and has served the city ever since;
2 he has served as a Dispatcher, Patrolman, Undercover Agent,
3 Detective, Sergeant, Emergency Services and Disaster Agency
4 Coordinator, Lieutenant, and Assistant Chief; he is a past
5 President of the Southern Illinois Police Chiefs Association;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Chief Gailius has a bachelor's degree from Western
8 Illinois University and a master's degree from Lindenwood
9 University; he graduated from the FBI National Academy and
10 Southern Police Institute; and

11 WHEREAS, Chief Gailius will receive his award on April 21,
12 2017 during the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police annual
13 awards banquet in Oak Brook; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
15 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
16 congratulate Fairview Heights Police Chief Nicholas Gailius on
17 his selection as the 2017 Police Chief of the Year by the
18 Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to Chief Gailius as an expression of our esteem and
21 respect.