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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate Rick VanBrooker on the occasion of his retirement as Sheriff of McDonough County; and

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WHEREAS, Sheriff VanBrooker grew up farming and started off working at a grain elevator and a grocery store; he always had an interest in law enforcement and joined the Plymouth Police Department in 1986; and

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WHEREAS, Sheriff VanBrooker has had a 32-year career in law enforcement; he served for 12 years as Sheriff of McDonough County and spent 13 years with the Hancock County Sheriff's Office; he ran for Sheriff of McDonough County in 2005 and has been re-elected to three four-year terms; 2018 will be his last year as Sheriff of McDonough County; and

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WHEREAS, Sheriff VanBrooker often goes above and beyond to help those in need; he has recently been taking an inmate to the Spoon River Outreach Center for a GED testing program; he has also worked with Western Illinois University to offer a GED program through the jail and has instituted a prisoner work program; and

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WHEREAS, Sheriff VanBrooker has always felt that being a

1 county sheriff should be a working position; he believes that  
2 the sheriff should not be tied to a desk and should be ready at  
3 a moment's notice to go into the field for any type of  
4 situation; he has demonstrated this belief countless times by  
5 being visible and active in his community; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
7 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
8 congratulate Rick VanBrooker on his retirement as Sheriff of  
9 McDonough County, and we wish him the best in all his future  
10 endeavors; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
12 presented to Sheriff VanBrooker as a symbol of our respect and  
13 esteem.