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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate Illinois State Police Director Leo P. Schmitz on the occasion of his retirement; and

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WHEREAS, Director Schmitz has a law enforcement career spanning nearly 30 years, dating back to 1986 when he joined Chicago Police Department (CPD) as a police officer; he was later promoted to the Joint Robbery Task Force, where he and his partners made over 500 robbery arrests; after being shot twice in 1996 in pursuit of a robbery suspect, whom he also apprehended, he was presented with the Illinois Law Enforcement Medal of Honor by then-Gov. James Edgar, the Chicago Superintendent's Award of Valor, and the Blue Star Award by the Chicago Police Department; and

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WHEREAS, Director Schmitz rose through the ranks of the CPD and received numerous awards for his service; in 2009, he was selected to lead CPD's Gang Enforcement Unit; his unit was recognized for its success with a Meritorious Citation; in 2012, he was assigned to lead Chicago's Englewood District, which saw a 44% drop in homicide and a 14% reduction in shootings in his first year; that same year, he was promoted to deputy chief, a role in which he served until his CPD retirement in January 2015; and

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1 WHEREAS, Director Schmitz was appointed Director of the
2 Illinois State Police in February 2015; during his tenure, the
3 Illinois State Police completed Procedural Justice and Police
4 Legitimacy training, saw a reduction in the number of fatal
5 crashes and fatalities, a reduction in the number of expressway
6 shootings, an updated State Police Crime Lab's Laboratory
7 Information Management System (LIMS), NARCAN Training and
8 Distribution, and a successful Statewide 9-1-1 Implementation
9 Measures; troopers saw upgraded uniform holsters and
10 tourniquets; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
12 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
13 we congratulate Illinois State Police Director Leo P. Schmitz
14 on his retirement, and we wish him the best in all his future
15 endeavors; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to Director Schmitz as a symbol of our respect and
18 esteem.