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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate Madison County Chief Deputy Coroner Roger D. Smith on the occasion of his retirement on March 12, 2021, after 38 years in public service; and

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WHEREAS, Roger Smith has had a long and distinguished career in public service; in addition to his work for the Madison County Coroner's Office, he has served as a police officer in Pontoon Beach, as a firefighter for the Long Lake Fire Department, and as an EMT with Laughlin Ambulance Service in Troy and Campbell's Ambulance Service; and

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WHEREAS, Roger Smith became a volunteer deputy coroner in 1987 before becoming a full-time employee in 1989; in 2010, he was named Madison County Chief Deputy Coroner and in that role he had the privilege of working with a staff dedicated to serving their community and meeting the highest standards of their profession, with every investigator achieving accreditation from the American Board of Medicolegal Death Investigators; and

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WHEREAS, Throughout his career, Roger Smith spent a lot of his time working on child death investigations and going to

1 high schools to speak on the dangers of drinking and driving;
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3 WHEREAS, In addition to his regular duties, Roger Smith is
4 also a former member of the St. Louis Major Case Squad and a
5 founding member of the Illinois Child Death Review Team; and

6 WHEREAS, Roger Smith is currently an instructor and
7 lecturer for the Illinois Coroners and Medical Examiners
8 Association and the Southwestern Illinois Law Enforcement
9 Commission; he conducts numerous trainings with fire
10 department personnel and reserve deputy coroners and pre-prom
11 presentations at area high schools; and

12 WHEREAS, Proving his dedication to local public service,
13 Roger Smith currently serves as an executive board member of
14 the St. Louis Area Regional Response System (STARRS) and is
15 co-chairman of the Mass Fatality Committee; and

16 WHEREAS, After 38 years in public service, Roger Smith
17 plans to continue to be active in disaster planning and as a
18 volunteer deputy coroner in his retirement; and

19 WHEREAS, Roger Smith greatly enjoyed working in the
20 Coroner's Office because he saw it as a way to be an advocate
21 for the deceased and to help the survivors find answers during

1 very dark, difficult times; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
3 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
4 we congratulate Roger D. Smith on his retirement and thank him
5 for his many years of dedicated public service to the citizens
6 of Madison County; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
8 presented to Mr. Roger D. Smith as an expression of our esteem
9 and respect.