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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Chief Kristen Ziman on
4 the occasion of her retirement from the Aurora Police
5 Department after 30 years of service; and

6 WHEREAS, Chief Ziman was born and raised on the west side
7 of Aurora and graduated from West Aurora High School; she
8 received an associate's degree from Waubensee Community
9 College; she earned her bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice
10 from Aurora University and a master's degree in Criminal
11 Justice Management from Boston University; she earned a second
12 master's degree in Homeland Security and Defense from the
13 Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California; she is a
14 graduate of the Police Executive Research Firm's Senior
15 Management Institute for Police, the FBI National Academy
16 #249, and several other leadership programs; and

17 WHEREAS, Chief Ziman started her law enforcement career as
18 a police cadet in Aurora in 1991; she became a sworn police
19 officer of the Aurora Police Department (APD) in 1994; she
20 became a field training officer and then joined APD's
21 Community Policing Unit; she moved to the Investigations
22 Division in the late 1990s; after seeing a spike in domestic
23 violence in Aurora, she launched the Domestic Violence

1 Reduction Unit, a specialized unit within Investigations to
2 investigate and arrest those responsible for domestic
3 violence; she was promoted to sergeant in 2003; and

4 WHEREAS, Chief Ziman took the lieutenant's test in 2008,
5 and she placed first on the promotion list; shortly
6 thereafter, she became the first female lieutenant in the
7 history of the Aurora Police Department; and

8 WHEREAS, Chief Ziman became the first-ever female
9 commander of the Aurora Police Department in 2010, where she
10 continued her passion of community policing and helped build
11 long-lasting relationships with the community that attributed
12 to huge overall crime reductions in Aurora; as part of her
13 community-policing effort, the City of Aurora documented zero
14 murders in 2012; and

15 WHEREAS, Chief Ziman became the first female police chief
16 in the Aurora Police Department's history in 2016; during her
17 tenure, she put together a team of individuals who brought a
18 diversity of culture and thought to the department, updated
19 antiquated policies, implemented a consistent system of
20 accountability, incorporated new technology to enhance
21 policing, and continued making strides with the community; and

22 WHEREAS, Chief Ziman serves as vice president at-large of

1 the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) and
2 is a member of the Illinois Sentencing Policy Advisory Council
3 (SPAC); she also serves as the member at-large of the Police
4 Executive Research Firm (PERF); and

5 WHEREAS, During her 30-year career, Chief Ziman led by
6 example, opened doors for those who came after, and encouraged
7 the Aurora Police Department, no matter their rank or
8 position, to always speak up if they had an idea or concern;
9 her leadership brought humanity, trust, and legitimacy to the
10 Aurora Police Department; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
12 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
13 we congratulate Chief Kristen Ziman on her retirement from the
14 Aurora Police Department, thank her for her service to the
15 community, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors;
16 and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to Chief Ziman as an expression of our esteem and
19 respect.