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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Kendall County Sheriff Dwight A. Baird has been
3 named Sheriff of the Year by the Illinois State Crime
4 Commission; and

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WHEREAS, Sheriff Baird started his career in law
6 enforcement in 1990 as a deputy for the Kendall County
7 Sheriff's Office; and

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WHEREAS, Sheriff Baird was hired by the Oswego Police
9 Department a year and a half later; and

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WHEREAS, Sheriff Baird rose through the ranks of the
11 Oswego Police Department to obtain the rank of chief of police
12 in 2003, retiring in that position in 2014; and

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WHEREAS, While with the Oswego Police Department, Sheriff
14 Baird worked in Investigations, Patrol, and Undercover
15 Narcotics and was a member of the Special Response Team; and

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WHEREAS, During the same time, Sheriff Baird also served
17 as the interim village administrator for Oswego from April of
18 2011 to June of 2012 and as a volunteer fire fighter for the
19 Oswego Fire Protection District for nine years; and

1 WHEREAS, Sheriff Baird was elected to the Office of
2 Sheriff of Kendall County in 2014; and

3 WHEREAS, Sheriff Baird graduated from Waubensee Community
4 College with an associate's degree in Applied Science
5 (Criminal Justice), Aurora University with a Bachelor of
6 Science in Professional Studies (Criminal Justice Management),
7 and Western Illinois University as a member of the Phi Kappa
8 Phi National Honor Society with a Master of Arts in Law
9 Enforcement Justice Administration; he also earned a number of
10 certifications, including as a Police Executive, the FBI
11 National Academy, the FBI LEEDS Program, and the National
12 Sheriffs' Institute; and

13 WHEREAS, Sheriff Baird is a member of the Illinois
14 Sheriffs' Association, the National Sheriffs' Association, the
15 International Association of Chiefs of Police, and the
16 Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police; and

17 WHEREAS, Sheriff Baird is also a past president of the
18 North East Multi-Regional Training Board and a past board
19 member of the Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System, the High
20 Intensity Drug Trafficking Agency, the Kendall County Public
21 Action to Deliver Shelter, and the Illinois Criminal Justice
22 Information Authority; and

1 WHEREAS, Sheriff Baird has been recognized for his
2 achievements throughout his career, including receiving an
3 Illinois Police Association Life Saving Award, the Illinois
4 Association of Chiefs of Police Medal of Valor, and two
5 Metropolitan Enforcement Group Director Awards, being named
6 the 1997 Oswegoland Optimist Police Officer of the Year,
7 receiving the 2006 Governor's Medal of Honor and the 2007
8 Youth Service Volunteer Award, and being named the 2014
9 Illinois Crime Commission Police Chief of the Year; and

10 WHEREAS, Sheriff Baird initiated several educational
11 programs for Kendall County inmates, implemented a new video
12 visitation program at no cost to taxpayers, formed a new
13 domestic violence response team, community partnerships, and
14 outreach programs, implemented body worn cameras, and
15 initiated many other improvements to communicate with the
16 public; and

17 WHEREAS, The Kendall County Jail, under the Kendall County
18 Sheriff's Office Corrections Division, is one of only six
19 jails accredited by the American Correctional Association; and

20 WHEREAS, Sheriff Baird has displayed outstanding
21 professional standards in law enforcement and advanced field
22 training and exemplifies the great service and safety programs
23 of Kendall County; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
2 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
3 we congratulate Sheriff Dwight A. Baird on his recognition as
4 the Illinois State Crime Commission's 2021 Sheriff of the Year
5 and thank him for his decades of service and dedication to the
6 Village of Oswego, Kendall County, and the State of Illinois;
7 and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
9 presented to Sheriff Baird and the Kendall County Sheriff's
10 Office as an expression of our esteem and respect.