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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, John R. Lausch Jr. is a native of the State of
3 Illinois; born in Joliet in 1970, he graduated from Harvard
4 College in 1992 and graduated from Northwestern University
5 School of Law in 1996; and

6 WHEREAS, After his graduation from Northwestern University
7 School of Law, John R. Lausch Jr. accepted a clerkship with the
8 late Michael Stephen Kanne, who was a judge of the United
9 States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, which is the
10 federal judicial circuit with appellate jurisdiction over
11 Illinois, Indiana, and Wisconsin; and

12 WHEREAS, While serving his appellate clerkship, John R.
13 Lausch Jr. became intimately aware of the day-to-day work of
14 the Northern District of Illinois, including the work of the
15 office of the United States Attorney for this District; and

16 WHEREAS, Earning a high reputation among his fellow legal
17 professionals, John R. Lausch Jr. worked as a lawyer in both
18 the private sector and as a public prosecutor; he served as
19 Assistant U.S. Attorney within the Office of the United States
20 Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois from 1999 to
21 2010, where he specialized in the prosecution of narcotic
22 offenses and gang crime; and

1 WHEREAS, After leaving the office of Assistant U.S.
2 Attorney, John R. Lausch Jr. accepted a partnership at
3 Kirkland & Ellis LLP, where he specialized in corporate
4 investigations and litigation; and

5 WHEREAS, In 2017, John R. Lausch Jr. was named by the
6 President of the United States, Donald Trump, to serve as the
7 United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois;
8 after confirmation by the United States Senate, he was sworn
9 in on November 22, 2017; and

10 WHEREAS, The position of federal prosecutor in the
11 Northern District of Illinois is well known to be one of the
12 most challenging jobs in law enforcement; although this office
13 only covers part of Illinois, this section of the State is the
14 section that has jurisdiction over most of the people, most of
15 the illegal transactions, and most of the highest-ranking
16 officials of the State; and

17 WHEREAS, During John R. Lausch Jr.'s time leading the
18 Northern District, federal law enforcement took on many
19 additional duties relating to the growing threat of violent
20 crime, the growing presence of illegal drugs, the growing
21 omens related to international relations, and the growing
22 challenge of corruption among some Illinoisans; and

1 WHEREAS, John R. Lausch Jr. enjoyed bipartisan support for
2 his leadership of the Northern District of Illinois due to his
3 fair-minded approach at working to rid the State from the
4 scourge of public corruption; and

5 WHEREAS, As time passes, many additional stories and
6 narratives will be written about the work of the Northern
7 District's office, headed by John R. Lausch Jr., in facing
8 these and other harsh threats to the people of Illinois and the
9 United States; and

10 WHEREAS, On March 1, 2023, John R. Lausch Jr. announced
11 his resignation from the position of United States Attorney
12 for the Northern District of Illinois; and

13 WHEREAS, In his resignation announcement, John R. Lausch
14 Jr. pointed towards the work done by his team to battle Chicago
15 violent crime, to prosecute members and leaders of organized
16 criminal street gangs, and to increase the priority placed
17 upon the prosecution of street gun crime, including the
18 illegal transfer of firearms to felons and other prohibited
19 persons; and

20 WHEREAS, In his resignation announcement, John R. Lausch
21 Jr. paid special tribute not only to his colleagues in the

1 Northern District's office but also to those who have
2 partnered with his office from the ranks of federal law
3 enforcement, State law enforcement, and local law enforcement;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, In his resignation announcement, John R. Lausch
6 Jr. told his colleagues and the people of Illinois that "it has
7 been the privilege of a lifetime to lead the U.S. Attorney's
8 Office in Chicago"; and

9 WHEREAS, The resignation of U.S. Attorney John R. Lausch
10 Jr. will be effective on Saturday, March 11, 2023; therefore,
11 be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
13 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
14 we thank John R. Lausch Jr. for the tireless service that he
15 displayed in facing the countless challenges of his office;
16 and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That we look forward to John R. Lausch Jr.'s
18 colleagues, and the next person chosen for the office of
19 United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois,
20 continuing his work and their work; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be presented to

1 John R. Lausch Jr., the United States Attorney for the
2 Northern District of Illinois and to Morris "Sonny" Pasqual,
3 the Acting United States Attorney for the Northern District of
4 Illinois.