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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate Roy Newton on the occasion of his retirement as chief of police for the city of Lombard on March 1, 2023; and

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WHEREAS, Chief Newton was born and raised in Lombard, the youngest of eight sons of the late Bernard and Dorothy Newton; he attended Sacred Heart School and Glenbard East High School; he received his associate's degree at the College of DuPage and his Bachelor of Arts from Benedictine University in Lisle; and

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WHEREAS, Chief Newton had a passion to serve as a police officer; he became a police explorer cadet in 1983 and a community service officer on August 18, 1986; he was sworn in as a Lombard police officer on February 27, 1995 and rose through the ranks; he was promoted to sergeant on November 13, 2001, lieutenant on June 9, 2009, and deputy chief on August 14, 2013; he was sworn in as the Lombard Police Department's 16th chief of police on July 30, 2017; and

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WHEREAS, Chief Newton provided the leadership and team-building skills necessary to create a safe community for Lombard residents and the drive and commitment to ensure all

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1 members of the department received training and the most  
2 up-to-date equipment and technology necessary to perform their  
3 day-to-day duties and the responsibilities of their jobs; and

4 WHEREAS, Chief Newton's strong character and ethical  
5 values are reflected in the success of the Lombard Police  
6 Department, including its ongoing CALEA certification, a  
7 recognition that exemplifies the highest police standards and  
8 sets Lombard apart as one of 41 departments out of 770 in the  
9 United States to be accredited, with less than 2% of agencies  
10 in the United States receiving the "excellence" award, which  
11 the Lombard Police Department received in 2022; and

12 WHEREAS, Chief Newton's professional conduct and devotion  
13 to law enforcement have been made evident through his nearly  
14 40 years of public service; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
16 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
17 we congratulate Roy Newton on the occasion of his retirement  
18 as chief of police for the city of Lombard, and we wish him the  
19 best in all his future endeavors; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
21 presented to Chief Newton as a symbol of our respect and  
22 esteem.