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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate wish to congratulate Sergeant Shawn Curry of the Peoria Police Department for completing his term as chair of the Illinois Police Officers' Pension Investment Fund (IPOPIF); and

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WHEREAS, Sgt. Curry was appointed by Governor JB Pritzker to serve on the IPOPIF Transitional Board for one year in 2019, which he was then selected to lead as chair; he was overwhelmingly elected to full term in 2021, serving as chair of the IPOPIF Board until 2023; and

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WHEREAS, Through IPOPIF, Sgt. Curry was placed in charge of creating an investment fund that would have a value of over nine billion dollars in assets and overseeing a consolidation of 357 local pension funds, which was the largest consolidation of its kind in the nation; and

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WHEREAS, Sgt. Curry worked with municipal leaders, state officials, union leaders, and pension board trustees to ensure the process was done with transparency, integrity, and free from special interests; and

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WHEREAS, Sgt. Curry oversaw the drafting of policies and procedures and the hiring of executives, a legal team, subject

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1 matter experts, and fund executives; and

2 WHEREAS, Most importantly, Sgt. Curry worked with all
3 parties to create and oversee the first IPOPIF Board of
4 Trustees' election that encompassed the entire State of
5 Illinois; and

6 WHEREAS, Sgt. Curry often met with union leaders,
7 legislators, the governor's office, and police officers,
8 providing regular progress updates while outlining the future
9 direction of IPOPIF; he spent countless hours traveling the
10 State to meet with pension trustees to garner their trust and
11 answer any questions or concerns; and

12 WHEREAS, Sgt. Curry dedicated countless hours to the
13 pension fund while working as a third shift beat cop during the
14 COVID-19 pandemic and civil unrest; and

15 WHEREAS, At the end of his tenure as chair, Sgt. Curry
16 successfully completed the nation's largest consolidation of
17 local pension funds; and

18 WHEREAS, Sgt. Curry has a history of dedication and
19 service; he started his career at the Woodford County
20 Sheriff's Office, where he was named Deputy of the Year in
21 2003; and

1 WHEREAS, While serving the City of Peoria, Sgt. Curry has
2 earned several letters of commendation, six Distinguished
3 Service Awards, a Meritorious Service Award in 2018, and the
4 Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Valor Award; he was also
5 named the Police Officer of the Year in 2010 and the Illinois
6 Public Pension Fund Association's Person of the Year in 2019;
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8 WHEREAS, For over the past decade, Sgt. Curry has lobbied
9 for both victims of crime and for those who pursue justice in
10 Springfield and Washington, D.C.; and

11 WHEREAS, Sgt. Curry's most notable accomplishment has been
12 creating and passing the Illinois First Responders Suicide
13 Prevention Act in 2019; he and his wife, Dr. Michelle Lilly,
14 have trained over 1,000 first responders in mental health
15 awareness and suicide prevention; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
17 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate
18 Sergeant Shawn Curry for successfully completing his term as
19 chair of the Illinois Police Officers' Pension Investment Fund
20 (IPOPIF), and we thank him for his continued service to the
21 City of Peoria and the State of Illinois; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to Sgt. Curry as a symbol of our esteem and respect.