



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, David J. "Joe" Plummer was born in Mattoon, the
3 son of Robert L. and Betty Plummer; Joe's father, Robert L.
4 Plummer, was employed by the Mattoon Police Department from
5 1949 until his death in 1974 and served as Chief of Police for
6 the nine years immediately preceding his death; and

7 WHEREAS, Joe graduated from Mattoon High School in 1972; he
8 and his wife, Barbara Ann Plummer, reside in Mattoon; they have
9 three children and two grandchildren; and

10 WHEREAS, In 1976, at the age of 22, Joe began his law
11 enforcement career with the Mattoon Police Department as a
12 Patrolman; he graduated from the Police Training Institute at
13 the University of Illinois in 1976; while serving in the Patrol
14 Division, he gained extensive knowledge of patrol work and
15 attended numerous training seminars in diverse areas of law
16 enforcement; and

17 WHEREAS, He was assigned to the Mattoon Police Department's
18 Detective Division in 1979 and dedicated his efforts to
19 investigations through the end of his career; as a reflection
20 of his skills, professionalism and investigative abilities,
21 his personnel file includes numerous letters from top law
22 enforcement officials and prosecutors from all over the United
23 States commending him and recognizing his commitment to
24 cooperative efforts across all jurisdictional lines to serve
25 justice; and

26 WHEREAS, Joe was promoted to the rank of Sergeant and then
27 to the rank of Lieutenant in 1986; he was promoted to the rank
28 of Captain in 1990 and to the rank of Deputy Chief in 1995;
29 upon the retirement of former Chief David L. O'Dell, Joe was
30 appointed by the Mattoon City Council to serve as Chief of
31 Police in 2000; during his tenure as Chief of Police, Joe

1 completed the 213th Session of the Law Enforcement Executive
2 Development Course at the distinguished F.B.I. Academy in
3 Quantico, Virginia, he developed several new community
4 policing strategies, and he made a concentrated effort to
5 ensure that the Detective Division was one of the best
6 investigative units in downstate Illinois; and

7 WHEREAS, After 28 years of service to the Mattoon Police
8 Department and in anticipation of his retirement, Chief Plummer
9 entertained an employment invitation from the Drug Enforcement
10 Administration; he retired from the Mattoon Police Department
11 effective June 30, 2004; he then attended training at the
12 D.E.A. Academy in Quantico, Virginia, and he was assigned to
13 the Springfield, Illinois division of the Drug Enforcement
14 Administration; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
16 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
17 congratulate David J. "Joe" Plummer for his many years of
18 exemplary service with the Mattoon Police Department and we
19 wish him all the best as he continues his dedicated efforts in
20 the field of law enforcement with the Drug Enforcement
21 Administration; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
23 presented to Mr. Plummer as an expression of our admiration and
24 esteem.