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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois are pleased to recognize an individual who, for 24 years, has placed himself in harms way for the safety and protection of the public; and

WHEREAS, Shelby County Sheriff Randall Sims was born in Pana on March 2, 1954, and attended school in Pana, graduating in 1972; he married Annette Beyers on September 6, 1975, at Oconee Sacred Heart Church; they became the parents of three sons, Brian Sims, Gary Sims (wife Gara), and Mark Sims (wife Dawn); they are the proud grandparents of Austin and Raegan; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Sims began his law enforcement service to Shelby County as an Auxiliary Deputy Sheriff in 1982, making him one of six family members serving Central Illinois in law enforcement; he was appointed Deputy Sheriff of Shelby County in December of 1984 and elected Sheriff of Shelby County in 1990; he was re-elected in 1994, 1998, and 2002, making him the longest serving sheriff in the history of Shelby County; and

WHEREAS, In his role as sheriff, he initiated the D.A.R.E. program in schools across Shelby County, instituted the Shelby County TRIAD program and STARS Academy, and instituted the Shelby County Crimestoppers program; he has served as Director of the Illinois State Crimestoppers Board since 1995; he also served as Director of the East Central Illinois Drug Task Force from 1992 to 2005, Past President of the Oconee Lions Club, and Past Commander of the Roy Ireland Post 317 of the American Legion in Oconee; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate Sheriff Randall Sims on the occasion of his

1 retirement, and we thank him for the many years he has devoted  
2 to protecting and serving the citizens of Shelby County; and be  
3 it further

4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
5 presented to Sheriff Sims as an expression of our gratitude and  
6 respect and with best wishes for a relaxing retirement.