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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to honor Karen Baker, the first
4 female police officer in the history of the City of
5 Bloomington, who will retire on June 11, 2007; and

6 WHEREAS, Karen Baker was hired February 25, 1985; during
7 her 22-year law enforcement career, she served as a patrol
8 officer, and as a Field Training Officer; she was selected to
9 help implement a newly formed Domestic Violence Unit in 2000
10 and served as one of the two original Domestic Violence
11 Investigators when the Domestic Violence Unit was a stand-alone
12 operation; she transitioned it into the Criminal Investigation
13 Division where she continued to serve as a General Investigator
14 specializing in Domestic Violence cases; and

15 WHEREAS, Karen Baker has not used a single hour of sick
16 time since May of 1995; in August of 1988 she received a letter
17 of recognition for apprehending a suspect in a burglary in
18 progress; and

19 WHEREAS, In June of 1995 she was recognized by the Illinois
20 State Police for her assistance in a local gang sweep, taking
21 wanted persons off the streets of the community; in September
22 of 1997 the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners recognized

1 Karen Baker for her hard work in providing quality background
2 checks on fire and police applicants; Heartland Community
3 College provided a letter of appreciation for Karen's
4 commitment to excellence in Domestic Violence training;
5 therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
7 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
8 congratulate Karen Baker on her retirement, thank her for her
9 dedication to the people of Bloomington, and wish her a great
10 future alongside her husband, Larry; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
12 presented to Karen Baker as a symbol of our respect and
13 admiration.