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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Dan Palmer on the
4 occasion of his retirement as Chief of the Bartlett Police
5 Department; and

6 WHEREAS, Dan Palmer began his career with the Bartlett
7 Police Department on November 6, 1979; he was subsequently
8 promoted to the rank of sergeant in 1984, followed by a
9 promotion to the rank of lieutenant in 1987; after being named
10 the acting Chief of the force in 1993, he was selected to serve
11 as Chief of the Bartlett Police Department on April 14, 1994;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, During his tenure as Chief, Dan Palmer has been
14 instrumental in the creation of numerous community programs,
15 including The National Night Out Program, the expansion of the
16 Neighborhood Watch program, the Middle School and High School
17 Officer programs, the Operation Safe School full-scale
18 emergency exercise, the creation of the Citizen Star award, the
19 child safety seat lending program, the Cop-on-the-corner
20 program, the department's first basketball fundraiser, and the
21 department's bike helmet program; and

22 WHEREAS, Under Chief Palmer, the Bartlett Police

1 Department was initially accredited and received
2 re-accreditation four times; he also made numerous effective
3 changes within the Police Department, including the creation of
4 a Mission and Vision Statement for the department, 12-hour
5 patrol shifts, the department's New Directed Patrol unit and
6 Traffic Unit, in-car computerized report writing, a new Records
7 Management System, the formation of the Specialized Police
8 Emergency Action Response Team, the creation of the Bartlett
9 Police Department flag, the formation of the Elderly Services
10 Team, the creation of the Planning and Research Unit and the
11 Special Operations Section, and the creation of the
12 department's first and second K9 Units; and

13 WHEREAS, The City of Bartlett witnessed a decline in the
14 crime rate and an increase in DUI arrests during Chief Palmer's
15 tenure, a testament to his effectiveness and law enforcement
16 acumen; and

17 WHEREAS, Under Chief Palmer's leadership, the Bartlett
18 Police Department has received numerous accolades and
19 re-accreditations, including the Governor's Award for
20 Excellence in Law Enforcement Training and the first place
21 designation of the National Night Out program; he also worked
22 diligently to get the department a Flagship Agency designation
23 twice; and

1 WHEREAS, Chief Palmer is well known among his peers for his
2 great dedication to his family, which includes his wife, Lori
3 Palmer, and his children, Abbi, Brett, and Lisa; he has been
4 the family sports schedule organizer over the years and has
5 planned many memorable vacations for his family to Yellowstone
6 National Park, the Badlands, Mount Rushmore, Washington D.C.,
7 and Alaska; and

8 WHEREAS, Dan Palmer serves as a model of hard work,
9 integrity, and dedication for the people of the State of
10 Illinois; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
12 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
13 we congratulate Dan Palmer on the occasion of his retirement
14 and wish him many happy and healthy retirement years; and be it
15 further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to Dan Palmer as a symbol of our esteem and respect.