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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Master Sergeant Steven Simons, Illinois State
3 Police District 6, Pontiac, retired on December 31, 2010, after
4 a total of 35 years of exemplary State service to the citizens
5 of Illinois; and

6 WHEREAS, Master Sergeant Simons received his bachelor's
7 degree from Eastern Illinois University and began his service
8 in 1975, serving as an educator and basketball coach at the
9 Charleston School District, dedicating 22 years to educational
10 endeavors; and

11 WHEREAS, Master Sergeant Simons began his career with the
12 Illinois State Police in 1997 as a Trooper in District 21,
13 where he served with pride and dignity, initiating many quality
14 criminal and traffic arrests; and

15 WHEREAS, Master Sergeant Simons continued to serve
16 Illinois citizens by transferring to District 6 in 1999,
17 serving in patrol; and

18 WHEREAS, Master Sergeant Simons served as a Regional Staff
19 Officer in 2000; and

20 WHEREAS, Master Sergeant Simons returned to District 6

1 serving as an evidence custodian and was subsequently promoted
2 to sergeant; and

3 WHEREAS, Master Sergeant Simons then oversaw the
4 multi-million dollar construction of the new District 6
5 facility; and

6 WHEREAS, Master Sergeant Simons was promoted to field
7 Master Sergeant in 2006, serving as a Platoon Supervisor, which
8 placed him on all three shifts guiding the development of
9 officers and overseeing many operational incidents; and

10 WHEREAS, Master Sergeant Simons has made innumerable
11 positive contributions while serving with the Illinois State
12 Police, among them: Control and Arrest Tactics instructor,
13 Physical Fitness Monitor, Crash Review Board member, ISP
14 Academy assessor, ISP Academy Curriculum Committee member,
15 Field Training Officer, yearbook coordinator, and extensive
16 ISP Heritage Foundation work; and

17 WHEREAS, Master Sergeant Simons has received several
18 distinguished recognitions and awards for his dedication as
19 both an Illinois High School Association basketball coach and
20 member of the Illinois State Police, including the Illinois
21 Basketball Coaches Association Lifetime Achievement Award, ISP
22 Unit Citation for his response to the Bourbonnais Amtrak

1 derailment incident in 1999, and he was the ISP District 6
2 Officer of the Year nominee in 2004; and

3 WHEREAS, Master Sergeant Simons has served his community,
4 his profession, and the State of Illinois with intelligence,
5 dedication, and the highest integrity; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
7 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
8 we congratulate Master Sergeant Steve Simons on his retirement
9 and wish him all the best in his future endeavors; and be it
10 further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
12 presented to Master Sergeant Steve Simons as a symbol of our
13 respect and esteem.