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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Kent Crutcher of
4 Normal for his 26 years of dedicated service with the Normal
5 Police Department; and

6 WHEREAS, Kent Crutcher earned his associate's degree from
7 Heartland Community College in Normal and his bachelor's degree
8 in criminal justice from Illinois State University in Normal;
9 he also graduated from the F.B.I. National Academy, the School
10 of Police Staff and Command at Northwestern University, and the
11 Police Training Institute in Champaign; and

12 WHEREAS, Kent Crutcher served his country with pride and
13 distinction as a member of the United States Marine Corps from
14 1980 to 1984; he reached the rank of corporal at the time of
15 his honorable discharge; and

16 WHEREAS, Kent Crutcher has served with the Normal Police
17 Department since becoming a patrol officer in the department in
18 September of 1985; he steadily ascended the department's ranks,
19 becoming assistant chief in July of 1995; he served in that
20 capacity until July of 2004, when he was selected to serve as
21 the department's Chief of Police; and

1 WHEREAS, During his tenure as Chief, Kent Crutcher was
2 instrumental in the creation of numerous department programs,
3 including the Mental Health Early Notification Program in
4 McLean County, the Normal Police Department VICE/Narcotics
5 Unit, the Phone Loan Program in McLean County for Domestic
6 Violence Victims, the Crisis Intervention Team in McLean
7 County, the Citizens Safety Ambassador Program, the Home Safety
8 Inspection Program, the Summer Youth Program for McLean County
9 youth, the Youth Intervention Specialist, crime analyst, and
10 computer forensics investigator positions at the Normal Police
11 Department, the Sergeant's Field Training Program, the
12 Departments Administrative Training Program, the School
13 Resource Officer Program, and the department's crime mapping
14 and online reporting systems; and

15 WHEREAS, Kent Crutcher has been a member of numerous civic
16 and law enforcement organizations, including the Commission on
17 Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, the Youth Impact
18 Board, the McLean County Criminal Justice Coordinating
19 Council, the Emergency Telephone Systems Board, the Minority
20 and Police Partnership, Leadership McLean County, the McLean
21 County Multicultural Leadership Program, the Mental Health
22 Court Task Force, the International Association of Chiefs of
23 Police, the F.B.I. National Academy Association, Special
24 Courts, the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police,
25 Centralized Emergency Communications Board, the Illinois

1 Mental Health Court Association, and the 211 Board of
2 Directors; he is also a graduate of the Simon Wiesenthal Center
3 of Tolerance and the National Institute Against Hate Crimes and
4 Terrorism; and

5 WHEREAS, Kent Crutcher has been the recipient of numerous
6 awards for his service, including the Law Enforcement
7 Achievement Award from the Illinois State Bar Association, the
8 Heartland Community College Distinguished Alumni Award, the
9 McLean County Autism Society Recognition Award, and the Normal
10 Police Department Life Saving Award; and

11 WHEREAS, Kent Crutcher serves as a model of hard work,
12 integrity, and dedication for the people of the State of
13 Illinois; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
15 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
16 we congratulate Kent Crutcher for his many of dedicated service
17 with the Normal Police Department and wish him success and
18 happiness in his future endeavors; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to Kent Crutcher as a symbol of our esteem and
21 respect.