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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Illinois
4 Conservation Police Officer II Debbie Mansell on her
5 retirement, August 1, 2011; and

6 WHEREAS, She retired after 27 years of service to the State
7 of Illinois; she was hired by the Illinois Department of
8 Natural Resources in March of 1985 to be an Illinois
9 Conservation Police Officer; she was initially assigned to work
10 the Cook County area, her main responsibilities being Lake
11 Michigan and the extensive Cook County forest preserve system;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, After a few years of uniformed patrol she was
14 selected to be one of the main operatives in a covert sting
15 based out of the Peoria area; CPO Mansell spent 3 years working
16 as a covert operative targeting the commercialization of the
17 natural resources in the Peoria and Chicago areas; the
18 operation was titled Operation First Shot and became the most
19 successful covert sting ever run by the Illinois Conservation
20 Police; CPO Mansell received the Shikar Safari Wildlife Officer
21 of the Year Award for her efforts during Operation First Shot;
22 and

1 WHEREAS, After wrapping up Operation First Shot, CPO
2 Mansell returned to the field as a uniformed officer and
3 patrolled Clark County; she remained there for several years
4 until the development of the Illinois Conservation Police
5 Division of Investigations, where she was selected to be an
6 investigator; and

7 WHEREAS, CPO Mansell had great success as an investigator
8 for the Conservation Police, successfully investigating a
9 variety of cases ranging from wildlife and fish cases to
10 criminal; one of her wildlife investigations resulted in the
11 highest fines ever received for a wildlife related case in the
12 history of the Conservation Police; and

13 WHEREAS, CPO Mansell spent 12 years as an Investigator for
14 the Conservation Police; in 2008, CPO Mansell returned to
15 uniform and continued her successful career as a uniformed
16 Conservation Police Officer in McLean County; in 2009, CPO
17 Mansell was nominated Region 3 Officer of the Year and was
18 awarded the 2009 Officer of the Year for the State of Illinois;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, In 2009, CPO Mansell received the Shikar Safari
21 Wildlife Officer of the Year Award; she led the investigation
22 of a highly publicized wildlife case in central Illinois; CPO
23 Mansell also received numerous certificates of merit and other

1 recommendations over the course of her 27 year career as an
2 Illinois Conservation Police Officer; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
4 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
5 we congratulate CPO Debbie Mansell on her retirement and wish
6 her the best in her future endeavors; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
8 presented to CPO Debbie Mansell as a symbol of our respect and
9 esteem.