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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Michael P. Trafton on the
4 occasion of his retirement as Chief of the Joliet Police
5 Department after 28 years of dedicated service; and

6 WHEREAS, Michael Trafton grew up in Mokena and is a
7 graduate of Lincoln Way Central High School; he earned his
8 Bachelor of Science in Law Enforcement and Justice
9 Administration from Western Illinois University in Macomb in
10 1985; he has attended various police-related management
11 courses, including Managing Criminal Investigations in 1987
12 and Supervision of Police Personnel in 2002; he also graduated
13 from Northwestern University's Center for Public Safety School
14 of Police Staff and Command in 2004; and

15 WHEREAS, After a college internship with the Will County
16 Sheriff's Department, Michael Trafton began his career with the
17 Joliet Police Department as a patrol officer in 1985; he was
18 promoted to the rank of sergeant in 2004, lieutenant in 2008,
19 commander in 2008, deputy chief in 2009, and chief in 2011; and

20 WHEREAS, Throughout his long and distinguished career,
21 Michael Trafton has served the Department in various
22 capacities, including as a field training officer, canine

1 officer, tactical officer, crisis negotiator, Special Services
2 officer, supervisor of the Department's Neighborhood Response
3 Team and Joliet Narcotics Unit, and Operations commander; and

4 WHEREAS, Michael Trafton has served as President, Vice
5 President, and board member of the Joliet Fraternal Order of
6 Police Lodge 58 and Board Member and Secretary of the Fraternal
7 Order of Police Labor Committee; and

8 WHEREAS, Michael Trafton has received many awards from the
9 Joliet Police Department for his outstanding performance, as
10 well as numerous letters of appreciation from citizens and
11 civic groups; in 1992, he was awarded the Exchange Club of
12 Joliet's Officer of the Year Award; in 1993, he was awarded the
13 Officer of the Year Award by the Veterans of Foreign Wars; and

14 WHEREAS, Michael Trafton and his wife, Melissa, have 3
15 children, Katherine, Alexandria, and Nicole; and

16 WHEREAS, Michael Trafton serves as a model of hard work,
17 integrity, and dedication for the people of the State of
18 Illinois; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
20 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
21 we congratulate Chief Michael P. Trafton on the occasion of his

1 retirement and wish him continued success and happiness in the
2 future; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
4 presented to Michael Trafton as a symbol of our esteem and
5 respect.