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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Ralph DeBartolo on the
4 occasion of his retirement from the Cook County Sheriff's
5 Office after 55 years of dedicated service in law enforcement;
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7 WHEREAS, Ralph DeBartolo served his country with pride as a
8 member of the United States Army as an artilleryman during the
9 Korean War; and

10 WHEREAS, Ralph DeBartolo began his long and distinguished
11 career in law enforcement on July 17, 1957 as a cadet with the
12 Chicago Police Department; for the last 17 years of his time
13 with the Department, he served as the personal bodyguard for
14 the psychiatrists who helped determine the sanity of mass
15 murderers, serial killers, and other criminal suspects; he
16 retired from the Department on February 4, 1989; and

17 WHEREAS, Ralph DeBartolo began working for the Cook County
18 Sheriff's Office as a Deputy Sheriff on April 5, 1989; on
19 January 17, 1999, he was selected to serve as an Assistant
20 Chief; he served with distinction as Assistant Chief in
21 District 2 (Skokie) and District 3 (Rolling Meadows) for many
22 years until his retirement; and

1 WHEREAS, Ralph DeBartolo was instrumental in the founding
2 of the Italian American Police Officers Association and is a
3 former president of the organization; and

4 WHEREAS, Ralph DeBartolo has been the recipient of numerous
5 awards from civic organizations, including the Order Sons of
6 Italy in America and the Italian American Police Officers
7 Association; he was the recipient of the 2010 Law Enforcement
8 Award from the Illinois State Bar Association; he also
9 participated in the annual St. Jude Police League parade
10 honoring fallen officers; and

11 WHEREAS, Ralph DeBartolo and his loving wife, Helen, were
12 married on August 25, 1956; together, they have 4 children,
13 Tony (Kim), Gina, Danny (Melissa), and Brett; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
15 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
16 we congratulate Ralph DeBartolo on the occasion of his
17 retirement and wish him continued success and happiness in the
18 future; and be it further

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