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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Aurora Police Chief Greg  
4 Thomas on the occasion of his retirement on November 13, 2015;  
5 and

6           WHEREAS, Chief Thomas began his Aurora police career as a  
7 cadet in 1978 and worked his way through every rank; he was  
8 sworn in as a patrol officer in 1982 and was promoted to the  
9 rank of Sergeant in 1993, Lieutenant in 2003, Commander in  
10 2005, and Deputy Chief in 2007, ultimately reaching Chief of  
11 Police in 2008; under his leadership, the city continued  
12 unprecedented decreases in crime, greatly reduced the number of  
13 traffic crashes, and focused on intelligence-led and  
14 community-oriented policing; he also oversaw the move into the  
15 state-of-the-art police headquarters, which included a new  
16 digital radio system and 911 telephone system; and

17           WHEREAS, Chief Thomas excelled in most of the divisions of  
18 the police department, including patrol, investigations,  
19 support services, the Special Response Team, and many others;  
20 and

21           WHEREAS, Chief Thomas has become known as a strong advocate  
22 for Aurora through his work with several faith-based groups,

1 business agencies, and community organizations; he recently  
2 resurrected "Aurora Cares", a collaborative group of various  
3 agencies working together to reduce violence; he also sits on  
4 the board of the Aurora Human Relations Commission; and

5 WHEREAS, Chief Thomas received the Kendall County Medal of  
6 Valor and was named the Exchange Club of Aurora's Police  
7 Officer of the Year in 2005; he was also nominated for Officer  
8 of the Year in 1998 and has been the recipient of numerous  
9 department commendations and letters of appreciation; and

10 WHEREAS, Chief Thomas was born in Aurora; he graduated from  
11 East Aurora High School and holds a Bachelor of Arts in  
12 Criminal Justice from Lewis University and a Master of Business  
13 Arts from Aurora University; he lives in Aurora with his wife,  
14 Julie, and has 3 adult children, Todd, LeighAnn, and Alexis;  
15 therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
17 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
18 congratulate Aurora Police Chief Greg Thomas on his retirement  
19 and wish him the best in all his future endeavors; and be it  
20 further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
22 presented to Chief Thomas as an expression of our esteem and

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1 respect.