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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Chief Tony Hernandez on
4 the occasion of his retirement as the Law Office Manager to the
5 Legal Counsel to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in
6 the Pentagon; and

7 WHEREAS, On November 23, 1992, at the age of 17, Tony
8 Hernandez enlisted in the United States Navy and attended
9 Recruit Training in Orlando, Florida; in March 1993, he
10 reported to his first command on the USS Savannah, homeported
11 in Norfolk, Virginia, where he served as an undesignated Seaman
12 in the Deck Department; while onboard, he completed his first
13 Mediterranean deployment and numerous other underway command
14 exercises; in July of 1994, he was promoted to the rank of
15 Boatswain Mate Third Class Petty Officer; upon the
16 decommissioning of the USS Savannah in July of 1995, he
17 reported to Assault Craft Unit 2, located in Little Creek,
18 Virginia, where he was assigned to Landing Craft Utility 1662
19 as the Leading Boatswain Mate; he was then deployed on his
20 second major deployment with the USS Saipan and earned his
21 Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist device; and

22 WHEREAS, After his successful tour at Assault Craft Unit 2,
23 Tony Hernandez transferred to Mobile Diving and Salvage Unit 2,

1 located in Little Creek, Virginia, in March of 1998; as a
2 qualified Assault Boat Coxswain and a 15-Ton Mobile Crane
3 operator, he was deployed to Cape Canaveral, Florida as a Heavy
4 Lift Operator in support of the United States Air Force Titan
5 IV Spacecraft Recovery; in July of 1999, he was promoted to the
6 rank of Petty Officer Second Class and was selected as the
7 MDSU-2 FY-99 Senior Shore Sailor of the Year, becoming the only
8 non-United States Navy Diver to be selected for the
9 designation; and

10 WHEREAS, In May of 2001, Tony Hernandez was accepted for a
11 lateral conversion to the Legalman (LN) rating and reported for
12 duty under instruction to Naval Justice School in Newport,
13 Rhode Island; after completing LN "A" School, he was converted
14 to Legalman Second Class (LN2) in July of 2001; his first
15 Legalman tour was at Naval Air Station Keflavik, Iceland, where
16 he served in the Staff Judge Advocate Office as the Command
17 Legalman; in June of 2003, he was promoted to Petty Officer
18 First Class; in April of 2004, he reported to the USS Carl
19 Vinson, homeported in Bremerton, Washington, where he served as
20 the leading Petty Officer in the Legal Department; while
21 onboard, he was deployed to his third major deployment, which
22 included combat operations in support of Operation Iraqi
23 Freedom, and earned his Enlisted Aviation Warfare Specialist
24 device; and

1 WHEREAS, In October of 2006, Chief Tony Hernandez reported
2 to the Office of the Judge Advocate General, located in the
3 Navy Yard in Washington, D.C., where he served as the Executive
4 Assistant to the Command Master Chief and Command Career
5 Counselor to the Naval Legal Service Commands; in September of
6 2009, he was promoted to Chief Petty Officer; in November of
7 2009, he reported to the USS Essex, located in Sasebo, Japan,
8 where he served as the Independent Duty Legalman onboard; in
9 October of 2011, he assumed the duties as the Law Office
10 Manager to the Legal Counsel to the Chairman of the Joint
11 Chiefs of Staff in the Pentagon; and

12 WHEREAS, Chief Tony Hernandez's personal awards include
13 the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, three Navy and Marine
14 Corps Commendation Medals, five Navy and Marine Corps
15 Achievement Medals, and numerous campaign medals and ribbons;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Chief Tony Hernandez and his wife Denise live in
18 Hometown with their daughters, Maya and Elliana; and

19 WHEREAS, Chief Tony Hernandez serves as a model of hard
20 work, integrity, and dedication for the people of the State of
21 Illinois; therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE

1 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
2 congratulate Chief Tony Hernandez on the occasion of his
3 retirement and wish him continued success and happiness in the
4 future; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
6 presented to Chief Tony Hernandez as a symbol of our esteem and
7 respect.