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A Resolution Honoring Curt Wiest on his retirement from the Village of Homewood

- *WHEREAS*, *Curt Wiest* joined the Homewood Police Department on February 1, 2000, having previously served as a Chicago Housing Authority Police Officer from December 24, 1990 until his hiring in Homewood; and
- WHEREAS, Curt Wiest completed Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) and School Resource Officer Training in 2002 and immediately began assisting with D.A.R.E. training in the schools. Officer Wiest was assigned to the role of D.A.R.E./School Resource Officer on September 1, 2005, and remained in this position until March 2018. During this time Officer Wiest taught D.A.R.E. classes to 4th and 5th grade students, attended Principal Advisory Committee meetings, conducted regular school patrols, assisted school personnel with counseling youths about a variety of issues, coordinated emergency drills and worked with other agencies to update signage around the schools to improve safety; and
- *WHEREAS*, *Curt Wiest* completed Child Passenger Safety Certification in 2002 and was responsible for the installation and inspection of hundreds of child safety seats for Homewood residents as well as residents of other communities during various safety events; and
- *WHEREAS*, *Curt Wiest* utilized his extensive knowledge as a Juvenile Officer serving as a liaison to the Homewood-Flossmoor Peer Jury program and as an Investigator with the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force; and
- *WHEREAS*, *Curt Wiest* served as a liaison to the Senior Advisory Committee by attending regular meetings and assisting with elder abuse investigations, and was nominated for the Elderly Service Officer of the Year in 2010 and 2011 in recognition of his contributions; and
- WHEREAS, Curt Wiest was promoted to the rank of Sergeant on May 1, 2020; and
- *WHEREAS*, *Curt Wiest* received the Cook County Sheriff's Law Enforcement Award of Merit in 2008, the Cook County Crime Stoppers Public Sector Award in 2010, as well as numerous Letters of Appreciation and Commendations from the Homewood Police Department, private citizens, local businesses, and other police agencies in the course of his career; and
- *WHEREAS, Curt Wiest* has been a leader and role model who is respected and held in high esteem by his friends, professional peers and members of the community for conducting himself and representing the Village of Homewood with the utmost concern for fairness, service, and professionalism; and
- *WHEREAS, Curt Wiest* will retire on May 15, 2024, after more than twenty-four years of dedicated service to the Village of Homewood and a combined total of more than thirty-three years as a Law Enforcement Officer. His service to the police department and the citizens of Homewood is hereby recognized.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Homewood, Cook County, Illinois that

Curt Wiest

be honored and commended for twenty-four years of outstanding, dedicated service to the citizens of Homewood. On behalf of the citizens of Homewood, the President and Board of Trustees hereby extend best wishes to Officer Wiest as he enters his retirement.

This Resolution passed this 14th day of May, 2024.

Village President

ATTEST:

Village Clerk

Ayes: _____ Nays: _____ Absent: _____

_____Abstentions: ___