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Springfield, IL - The Illinois Sheriffs' Association (ISA) last night awarded Howard G. Buffett the High Sheriff Award, the highest honor bestowed by the organization and only given out four other times previously.

"We reserve this award for individuals who have made a significant contribution to preserving the office of sheriff and who have unselfishly promoted professional law enforcement and the goals, programs and purpose of the ISA," said Greg Sullivan, ISA's Executive Director. "Mr. Buffett, because of his significant personal commitment and very public support for sheriffs in Illinois and law enforcement more generally, was a natural choice for this rare honor."

Mr. Buffett has served as a certified auxiliary deputy sheriff in Macon County since 2012 and in 2014 was appointed Civilian Undersheriff for the Macon County Sheriff's Office (MCSO). He has logged over 2,500 hours of patrol, completed over 600 hours of certified training and has over 70 weapons' qualifications. As Undersheriff, he has provided countless hours of volunteer time in support of MCSO.

"Howard is the most committed volunteer we have ever had serve in our sheriff's office," said Tom Schneider, Macon County's Sheriff. "He always goes above and beyond the requirements when it comes to service hours, training and qualifications, and he has consistently been a vocal advocate for public safety in our community and many others across the United States, to say nothing of the incredible financial commitments he has made in support of local law enforcement. This is a well-earned honor."

Mr. Buffett is Chairman and CEO of the Howard G. Buffett Foundation, one of the largest private charitable foundations in the United States. The foundation has a long history of working to mitigate conflict in countries recovering from or in the midst of active conflict. Since 2001, the foundation has also provided support to over 115 local law enforcement agencies and committed more than \$67 million to public safety initiatives across the United States.

"Working in challenging environments outside of the United States gives you a real appreciation for the critical roles rule of law and public safety play in creating peaceful and thriving communities," said Howard G. Buffett. "I have so much respect for the individuals who dedicate their careers to serve in law enforcement. They have taught me a lot about the key law enforcement challenges facing this country, and I am incredibly honored by this recognition."

Mr. Buffett serves on the Commission for Presidential Debates and has served on a number of public corporate boards as well as a United Nations Ambassador Against Hunger for the World Food Programme. He has previously held senior executive positions at ADM and the GSI

Group, and served in elected office in Nebraska. He is an honorary member of the National Sheriffs' Association and a past recipient of the National Sheriffs' Association Medal of Merit.

Mr. Buffett has received numerous awards in recognition of his work promoting conservation, food security and law enforcement, and has publicly testified in Congress on border security and international development. In addition to his work for MCSO, Mr. Buffett serves as a volunteer Deputy Commander for the Cochise County Sheriff's office in Arizona.