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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Community policing, the system of allocating
3 police officers to particular areas so that they become
4 familiar with the local inhabitants, has become a popular
5 crime-fighting strategy across the country; and

6 WHEREAS, Community policing began in Chicago in 1993 with
7 the CAPS program, which was designed to make residents active
8 partners in preventing and reducing crime; the key strategy in
9 CAPS is that police, businesses, and residents of a particular
10 neighborhood have to work together to address the conditions
11 that lead to crime; and

12 WHEREAS, Community policing is supported by a variety of
13 strategies, including neighborhood beat officers, regular
14 community meetings involving police and residents, extensive
15 training for both police and the community, more efficient use
16 of city services, and the use of new technology to target crime
17 hot spots; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
19 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
20 urge police departments around the State to create a community
21 liaison police officer program similar to CAPS, that designates
22 a specific number of patrol officers as community partners and

1 liaisons, and we encourage police departments to establish
2 advisory committees with members of the community and local
3 officials to discuss ways to improve public safety.