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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Officer Stevenson "Steve" Jones of Elgin, who passed away on May 6, 2017 at the age of 59; and

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WHEREAS, Officer Jones was a veteran of the Elgin Police Department and a school resource officer at Kimball Middle School; he worked for 28 years making Elgin a better place to live; he was well known throughout Elgin, where he spent his entire career after being hired in 1989; and

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WHEREAS, Officer Jones worked patrol for many years and was a member of the department's drug unit and the multijurisdictional North Central Narcotics Task Force; and

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WHEREAS, Officer Jones ran a mentoring program for kids, connecting them with people he knew in the community; he helped organize the "community conversations" series held between police and residents at Second Baptist Church of Elgin; he was active with the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives; and

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WHEREAS, Officer Jones earned 16 letters of appreciation, a department commendation in 1995, and distinguished service

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1 awards in 2010 and 2015; and

2 WHEREAS, Officer Jones enjoyed sports and was a fan of the
3 Chicago Bulls; he recently organized a visit at Kimball Middle
4 School by Jarrett Payton, son of the late Walter Payton, the
5 former Chicago Bears running back; and

6 WHEREAS, Officer Jones became very popular among the
7 students and staff at Kimball Middle School in Elgin; many of
8 the students described him as amazing, legendary, and some even
9 said he was a father figure to them; he was very approachable
10 and took many of the younger officers under his wing sharing
11 many of his life experience; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
13 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
14 mourn the passing of Officer Stevenson "Steve" Jones, and
15 extend our sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all
16 who knew and loved him; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to the family of Officer Jones as an expression of
19 our deepest sympathy.