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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, It is fitting that the members of the Illinois House of Representatives honor and recognize the sacrifices made by Illinois' most loyal public servants; and

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WHEREAS, Pamela Sue "Pam" Knight was born in Dixon to Lloyd and Agnes Heaton on June 23, 1958; she married her devoted husband, Donavon "Don" Knight on April 4, 1986 in Dixon and they raised one daughter, Jennifer; and

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WHEREAS, Pam Knight began her career as a dedicated civil servant by working for both the Lee County Sheriff's Office and the Ogle County Sheriff's office; and

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WHEREAS, Pam Knight studied family social services at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, and later served as a welfare specialist for Lutheran Social Services for over 20 years; and

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WHEREAS, After her time at Lutheran Social Services, Pam Knight began working as a social worker for the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services; and

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WHEREAS, It was during this time that Pam Knight gave her life to protect Illinois' most vulnerable children; she was

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1 critically injured in an attempt to take a child into  
2 protective custody and later died from her injuries, surrounded  
3 by her loving family; and

4 WHEREAS, Pam Knight was a member of AFSCME Local 448 and  
5 was given a public service award from AFSCME Council 31 at the  
6 union's 20th biennial convention; this award reads, in part:  
7 "In recognition of exemplary dedication to the mission of child  
8 protection and family support, for going above and beyond the  
9 call of duty, and for providing to all Illinois citizens a  
10 powerful reminder of the vital work that public service  
11 employees perform everyday"; and

12 WHEREAS, In addition to her love of family, Pam Knight  
13 loved animals, especially her basset hounds, Hoss and Dalilah;  
14 she also enjoyed rehabbing homes in her spare time; and

15 WHEREAS, Pam Knight exemplifies what it means to be a  
16 public servant and Illinois will miss her contribution and  
17 devotion to the children of this State immensely; and

18 WHEREAS, Pam Knight is survived by her husband, Don Knight;  
19 her daughter, Jennfier (Paul) Hollenback; her brother, Sidney  
20 "Sid" Heaton; her grandchildren, Kaitlin Burns and Cheyenne,  
21 Cleveland, Natalie, Zenobia, and Makenzie Hollenback; and her  
22 nieces and nephews, Toby Masterman, Sherry Cook, Lori Heaton,

1 and Dustin Heaton; therefore, be it

2       RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
3 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
4 mourn the loss of Pamela Sue "Pam" Knight, and extend our most  
5 sincere condolences to her family, friends, and all who knew  
6 and loved her; and be it further

7       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
8 presented to the family of Pam Knight as an expression of our  
9 deepest sympathy.