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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Chicago
4 Police Officer Samuel Jimenez, who was killed in the line of
5 duty on November 19, 2018 at the age of 28; and

6 WHEREAS, Officer Jimenez grew up in the Edison Park
7 neighborhood of the City of Chicago and built a family of
8 Illinoisans; he, his wife Crystal, and their three young
9 children regularly attended Mass at the Chapel of St. Joseph at
10 the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Des Plaines; and

11 WHEREAS, From his childhood onward, Officer Jimenez
12 expressed a desire to build a life in law enforcement; he
13 joined the Chicago Police Department in 2017 in full knowledge
14 of the current state of public safety in America's
15 third-largest city; in November of 2018, he had served his time
16 of probation and had pinned on the star of an officer of the
17 department; and

18 WHEREAS, Officer Jimenez was assigned to the 2nd Police
19 District (Wentworth); he was responding to a radio call of
20 shots fired on Chicago's South Side around the emergency room
21 of Mercy Hospital; a gunman had begun to kill professionals and
22 trainees in and around the hospital; and

1 WHEREAS, Officer Jimenez ran into the line of fire to
2 defend the hospital and save the lives of civilians, in line
3 with the highest traditions of the American police; and

4 WHEREAS, As a consequence of this split-second decision,
5 Officer Jimenez is End of Watch (EOW); and

6 WHEREAS, Mourners at the funeral mass of Officer Jimenez
7 included Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel, Illinois Governor Bruce
8 Rauner, and main celebrant Cardinal Blase Cupich of the
9 Archdiocese of Chicago; and

10 WHEREAS, Officer Jimenez leaves behind his wife, Crystal
11 Jimenez, and three children, daughters, Ebony and Angelina, and
12 son, Julian, who now have memories to remind them of what
13 heroism in action looks like; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
15 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
16 mourn the loss, while on duty, of Officer Samuel Jimenez of the
17 Chicago Police Department; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That when we pass by the Illinois Police Officers
19 Memorial, which stands adjacent to the door we use to enter and
20 leave the Illinois State Capitol each day we are in session, we

1 will think of Officer Jimenez and his fellow Illinois police
2 officers who have paid the ultimate price of service to their
3 fellow citizens; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That we recognize that the police officers of
5 Illinois put their lives on the line every day and every night
6 for the safety and security of their loved ones and their
7 fellow citizens; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
9 presented to Crystal Jimenez, as an act of sorrowful memory of
10 and homage to the heroism of Officer Jimenez, a peace officer
11 and a defender of Chicago and of the State of Illinois.