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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Yingying Zhang arrived at the University of
3 Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in April of 2017 to contribute to
4 the research being done in the Department of Natural Resources
5 and Environmental Sciences; and

6 WHEREAS, Yingying Zhang was an environmental engineering
7 scholar from Nanping, a small city in the Fujian province in
8 southeast China, where her parents and boyfriend lived; and

9 WHEREAS, Yingying Zhang went missing in June of 2017 after
10 getting into a black SUV near the University of Illinois
11 campus; and

12 WHEREAS, After an extensive investigation and search
13 efforts by local, State, and federal authorities, Yingying
14 Zhang was found to be dead in the summer of 2017; and

15 WHEREAS, The loss of Yingying Zhang's life devastated the
16 Champaign/Urbana community, the academic community, and the
17 global community, and the University of Illinois honored her
18 life with a number of vigils and rallies; and

19 WHEREAS, Sergeant James Carter, a member of the University
20 of Illinois Police Department, made an acute observation while

1 reviewing video footage of the car that picked Yingying Zhang
2 up the day she went missing; and

3 WHEREAS, Although Sergeant Carter was not assigned to the
4 case, he asked the FBI agents if he could help; this offer
5 proved to be exactly what was needed; in reviewing video
6 footage, he observed that a small, nearly unnoticeable part of
7 the hubcap on the front passenger side wheel of the black SUV
8 was missing; and

9 WHEREAS, This discovery enabled investigators to narrow
10 their search for Yingying Zhang's kidnapper down to one man,
11 who is now being held accountable for his heinous crime; and

12 WHEREAS, Sergeant Carter's greater body of work and service
13 should also be honored; he has been in law enforcement since
14 2008; in 2011, he joined the police department at the
15 University of Illinois; since that time, he has been a
16 detective, a field training coordinator, and now a patrol
17 sergeant; his diverse experience and attention to detail has
18 made Champaign County safer for the better part of a decade;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, It is likely that the Yingying Zhang case could
21 have gone unsolved if not for Sergeant Carter's work, and now,
22 her family will at least have the comfort of knowing who was

1 responsible in this devastating case of their daughter's
2 murder; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
4 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
5 we recognize Sergeant James Carter for his exemplary work in
6 the murder case of Yingying Zhang and for his service to
7 Champaign County and the entire State of Illinois; and be it
8 further

9 RESOLVED, That we send our deepest sympathies and
10 condolences to the family of Yingying Zhang; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
12 presented to Sergeant Carter as a symbol of our respect and
13 esteem.