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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 Michael R. "Mike" Manno of Lansing, who passed away on June 21, 2020; and

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WHEREAS, Mike Manno was born on April 21, 1952; and

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WHEREAS, Mike Manno served as a police officer for the city of Lansing from 1978 until his retirement in 2002; he continued to teach anti-gang and safety programs to the youth of Lansing while driving his G.R.E.A.T. van around town; in 2001, he was recognized for his service and named the Midwest G.R.E.A.T. Officer of the Year by the Department of Justice; during his tenure with the department, he was a member of the police and fire safety team (Big Bird) and trained as a hostage negotiator; he initiated the Senior Citizen Academy and was involved with the D.A.R.E. program; he loved his assignment as a motorcycle officer and worked as a community liaison for the latter half of his career; he was affectionately known as "Officer Friendly"; serving and protecting others was his passion; and

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WHEREAS, Mike Manno became a trustee for the Village of Lansing in 2013; a Lansing resident for almost 60 years, he

1 worked every day to make the city a better place; and

2 WHEREAS, Mike Manno worked as a security guard at Community
3 Hospital in Munster, Indiana for the last five years and was
4 planning on retiring in June; and

5 WHEREAS, Mike Manno served on the board of School District
6 171 and on the board of directors for the LACE organization; he
7 was a founding member of the Lansing Volunteer Recognition
8 Committee and presided over the T.F.S Booster Club and the
9 Lansing Lions Football organization; he coached for over 25
10 years with the Lansing Old Timers girls softball and volleyball
11 leagues and was chairman of the Marian Catholic fundraising
12 committee; and

13 WHEREAS, Mike Manno was the first male to win the
14 prestigious Athena Award in 2018; the award, presented by the
15 Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce, honors women and men who
16 strive towards the highest levels of professional
17 accomplishment, who excel in their chosen field, who have
18 devoted time and energy to their community, and who pave paths
19 for women; and

20 WHEREAS, Mike Manno was a devoted husband, father,
21 grandfather, and uncle; he loved nothing more than being with
22 his family, making them laugh and cheering them on in all

1 aspects of their lives; his lengthy stories, exuberant displays
2 of team spirit, and vibrant personality made him the life of
3 the party; he was a man of true loyalty, passion, and integrity
4 and worked tirelessly as a police officer; he cared deeply for
5 his loved ones and devoted countless hours in service to his
6 community; and

7 WHEREAS, Mike Manno was preceded in death by his mother,
8 Ellen (Edward "Mac") McLaughlin; his brother, Richard "Richie"
9 Manno; his father, Frank Manno; and his stepfather, Michael
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11 WHEREAS, Mike Manno is survived by his wife of 45 years,
12 Kathleen (Keller); his daughters, Dana (Craig) Parkhill, Renee
13 Manno, and Nikki Manno (Cole Wagner); his granddaughter, Harper
14 Parkhill; his sister, Sue Wayne; his mother-in-law, Marie
15 (Robert) Keller; his sister-in-law, Rita (Jay) Vanderby; his
16 brother-in-law, Timothy Keller; his nieces, Dawn (Greg)
17 Pickar, Miranda Manno, Dakota Pickar, Allison Vanderby (Mike
18 VanMilligan), and Kristin Vanderby (Nick Blannin); and his
19 great-nephews, Ambrose and Keller Blannin; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
21 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
22 we mourn the passing of Michael R. "Mike" Manno and extend our
23 sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew

1 and loved him; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
3 presented to the family of Mike Manno as an expression of our
4 deepest sympathy.