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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  
4 Lieutenant Aaron R. Landers of St. Joseph, who passed away on  
5 August 23, 2021; and

6           WHEREAS, Lt. Landers served as a police officer for the  
7 University of Illinois Police Department and the campus  
8 community for 24 years; he was named supervisor of the  
9 department's new Community Outreach and Support Team in 2020,  
10 which is tasked with providing educational programming for the  
11 campus community, support resources, community engagement, and  
12 mental health crisis intervention; he also served on the  
13 University of Illinois Bomb Squad and was recently appointed  
14 its commander; and

15           WHEREAS, Lt. Landers recently acquired K-9 Winston, a  
16 therapy dog with the University of Illinois Police Department;  
17 together, they traveled to Chicago to provide comfort to  
18 members of the Chicago Police Department following the  
19 line-of-duty death of Chicago Police Officer Ella French; they  
20 visited the Champaign Police Department several times earlier  
21 this year following the line-of-duty death of Champaign Police  
22 Officer Chris Oberheim; and

1           WHEREAS, Lt. Landers earned several awards throughout his  
2 career, including two life-saving awards, the Excellence in  
3 Community Policing Award, and the Director of Public Safety  
4 Recognition Award; and

5           WHEREAS, Lt. Landers was an avid bicyclist and rode in the  
6 annual Cycle Across Illinois event to benefit the Concerns of  
7 Police Survivors (COPS) nonprofit organization; he completed  
8 this year's 340-mile ride through the state in July; and

9           WHEREAS, Lt. Landers was a dedicated public servant; he  
10 will be remembered for his character, his optimism, and his  
11 service to the community; therefore, be it

12           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
13 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
14 we mourn the passing of Lieutenant Aaron R. Landers and extend  
15 our sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who  
16 knew and loved him; and be it further

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