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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 Sergeant Marlene R. Rittmanic of the Bradley Police Department, who was killed in the line of duty on December 30, 2021; and

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WHEREAS, Sgt. Rittmanic was born on October 6, 1972; she was the daughter of James and Mary Jane (Thompson) Rittmanic; she married Lyn Stua on June 11, 2011; and

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WHEREAS, Sgt. Rittmanic was a 21-year law enforcement veteran; she began her career as a deputy with the Iroquois County Sheriff's Department in 2000; she joined the Bradley Police Department on February 13, 2007, where she was promoted to sergeant on September 2, 2014; and

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WHEREAS, Sgt. Rittmanic was widely recognized as a leader in community policing; she was known for her ability to speak to members of the community with respect while meeting them where they were in life, understanding their true needs, and working together with them to find a solution; and

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WHEREAS, Sgt. Rittmanic was awarded the Law Enforcement Officer of the Year in 2020 in recognition of her commitment to the Bradley and Kankakee County communities; and

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1 WHEREAS, Sgt. Rittmanic was also a published poet, an
2 amateur photographer, and a film producer for family, the
3 Bradley Police Department, and community events; alongside her
4 wife, she was an avid dog rescuer; and

5 WHEREAS, Sgt. Rittmanic was a valiant Illinoisan and a
6 proud member of the Bradley and Kankakee County communities
7 who bravely and honorably served its citizens; she will be
8 dearly missed; and

9 WHEREAS, Sgt. Rittmanic was preceded in death by her
10 mother, Mary Jane Rittmanic; her sister, Diana Jessen; her
11 brothers, Richard Rittmanic and Mark Rittmanic; and her
12 nephews, Richie Absher and Brett Mayhood; and

13 WHEREAS, Sgt. Rittmanic is survived by her wife, Lyn Stua;
14 her father, James Rittmanic; her sisters, Kimberly Organ,
15 Christina (Ty) O'Connor, Kathleen (Rodney) Emme, Colleen
16 Welch, and Jennifer (Jerry) Whitaker; her brother, James
17 (Trish) Rittmanic; and several nieces and nephews; therefore,
18 be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
20 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
21 we mourn the passing of Sergeant Marlene R. Rittmanic and

1 extend our sincere condolences to her family, friends, and all
2 who knew and loved her; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That we honor the memory of Sgt. Rittmanic, who
4 gave her life while protecting the citizens of Bradley; and be
5 it further

6 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
7 presented to the family of Sgt. Rittmanic and the Bradley
8 Police Department as an expression of our deepest sympathy.