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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of retired Shorewood Chief of Police Robert "Bob" Paul Puleo, who passed away on June 4, 2021; and

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WHEREAS, Bob Puleo was born to Paul and Mildred (Perino) Puleo in Joliet on June 8, 1948; he was raised in the Church of St. Anthony, graduated from Joliet Catholic High in 1966, and received his bachelor's degree in Business Management from Lewis University; and

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WHEREAS, Bob Puleo began his career in the banking industry before joining the Shorewood Police Department part time; he later joined the Crest Hill Police Department for five years as a full-time police officer; in 1984, he was hired full time by the Shorewood Police Department, where he served as a patrolman, sergeant, and lieutenant; in 1994, he was named Chief of Police and held that position for 17 years until his retirement in 2011; during his time as chief, he initiated many new programs for the benefit of his department and his community, including a police chaplain program, a bike patrol, a community policing program, the citizen's police academy, a special needs registry, a neighborhood watch, programs geared to the needs of senior citizens, and others; and

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1 WHEREAS, Bob Puleo's professional accomplishments included
2 serving as training officer, public information officer, crime
3 prevention officer, and as the Shorewood Police Department's
4 DARE officer; and

5 WHEREAS, Bob Puleo's professional memberships included the
6 Illinois Association of the Chiefs of Police and the Will
7 County Association of Chiefs of Police, where he served as
8 president in 1999; he served the law enforcement community in
9 a number of other capacities with the Tri River Police
10 Training Region Advisory Board, the Western Will County
11 Communications Center (WESCOM) Chief's Advisory Board, the
12 Will County Emergency Telephone Safety Board, and the Suburban
13 Law Enforcement Academy Advisory Board; and

14 WHEREAS, Bob Puleo participated actively in his community
15 as a member of the Moran A. C., Joliet Elks Lodge #296, and the
16 American Italian Cultural Society, where he served as a member
17 of the board; and

18 WHEREAS, Bob Puleo was a beloved husband, father, and
19 grandfather who will be remembered for his patience in
20 teaching, playing games, and taking time to be a part of his
21 grandchildren's lives; he loved to fish with his sons and
22 grandchildren and considered his summer cottage in Michigan
23 his dream home; he was enormously proud to have his private

1 pilot's license and had a passion for cooking; he was a
2 talented rhythm guitar player and guitar instructor who had
3 been a member of the bands the Knights and the Intrigues in his
4 youth; and

5 WHEREAS, Bob Puleo was preceded in death by his parents;
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7 WHEREAS, Bob Puleo is survived by his beloved wife of 49
8 years, Cindy (Offerman) Puleo; his three children, Robert Paul
9 (Kelli) Puleo Jr., Anthony (Kendra) Puleo, and Gina (Zachery)
10 Meister; his eleven grandchildren, Karli, Angelina, Dominic,
11 Giovanni, Reese, Delaney, Emmie, and Anthony Puleo, and
12 Giuliana, Luke, and Rowan Meister; his one sister, Virginia
13 (Gerald) Pasteris; his one brother, Paul (Mary) Puleo; his
14 several nieces and nephews; and his two beloved dogs who were
15 his shadows, Gabby and Finney; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL
17 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
18 retired Shorewood Chief of Police Robert "Bob" Paul Puleo and
19 extend our sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all
20 who knew and loved him; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
22 presented to the family of Bob Puleo as an expression of our

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1 deepest sympathy.