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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 Russell "Russ" Laine; and

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WHEREAS, Russ Laine served as an infantry medic in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War, where he received the Combat Medics Badge, a Purple Heart, and three Bronze Stars for Valor; he received his Bachelor of Arts from Aurora University; he earned his Juris Doctor from John Marshall Law School in Chicago in 1991; he graduated from the Police Administration Training Program at the Traffic Institute at Northwestern University and the Midwest Law Enforcement Executive Development Program; and

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WHEREAS, Russ Laine began his law enforcement career with the Streamwood Police Department in 1976; he then worked in the Bartlett Police Department until 1982, where he served as acting chief in 1981; he became chief of police in Edgerton, Wisconsin until he took the chief position in Algonquin; he served as chief of police of the Algonquin Police Department from June 1985 until he retired in December 2014; he was hired to address a recent scandal and rebuild the Fox Lake Police Department in 2016, and he retired in June 2017; and

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WHEREAS, Russ Laine served as the past president of the

1 McHenry County Chiefs of Police Association, the Illinois
2 Association of Chiefs of Police, and the International
3 Association of Chiefs of Police, where he acted as the
4 parliamentarian for nearly two decades; he helped introduce
5 the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics in
6 Algonquin and McHenry County; he also lectured both nationally
7 and internationally on topics such as police ethics; and

8 WHEREAS, Russ Laine earned the Law Enforcement Recognition
9 Award from the Illinois Council Against Handgun Violence in
10 2007; and

11 WHEREAS, Russ Laine was known for his wisdom, his advice,
12 and his willingness to help; he will be remembered as an
13 extraordinary human being who impacted countless lives,
14 including police officers, emerging leaders, his family, and
15 his family of Special Olympians; 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 Russell "Russ" Laine and extend our sincere condolences to his
19 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
20 further

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

1 deepest sympathy.