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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Those distinguished officers and citizens who
3 devote themselves to public service and duty, demonstrating
4 great courage and diligence in ensuring the safety of citizens
5 and communities in Illinois, deserve to be recognized; and

6 WHEREAS, Firefighters and police officers risk their lives
7 every day in the protection of life and property to ensure that
8 communities are safe, and sadly, many first responders are
9 lost in the line of duty, making the ultimate sacrifice in
10 their service to protect others; and

11 WHEREAS, Firefighters, police officers, and first
12 responders are not only often valued, trusted, and upstanding
13 members of our communities but are also sons, brothers,
14 fathers, daughters, sisters, mothers, and siblings; and

15 WHEREAS, Since 1966, the 100 Club of Illinois has been
16 committed to making a difference in the lives of first
17 responders and their families; and

18 WHEREAS, The 100 Club of Illinois provides access to
19 training, mental health resources, and moral support to active
20 duty first responders throughout the State of Illinois; and

1 WHEREAS, The 100 Club of Illinois has worked to provide
2 support for the families of fallen first responders, including
3 direct financial assistance to families and educational
4 assistance for their dependents; and

5 WHEREAS, The 100 Club of Illinois distributed \$1.3 million
6 in direct funding to the families of fallen first responders
7 in 2023 and a total of nearly \$5 million since 2020; and

8 WHEREAS, The 100 Club of Illinois is committed to creating
9 and advocating for new pathways towards resiliency in the
10 first responder community via access to culturally competent
11 resources, training, and funding; and

12 WHEREAS, It is important to recognize Illinois' first
13 responders and their families, as those who have made the
14 ultimate sacrifice and who sacrifice every day for our safety,
15 and to recognize the critical support provided by the 100 Club
16 of Illinois to these heroes; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
18 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
19 we declare August 27, 2024 as Hero Day in the State of Illinois
20 and urge all Illinoisans to recognize those whose unwavering
21 commitment to public safety has earned them our great respect,
22 esteem, and gratitude.