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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 Alton  
4 Police Department K9 Officer Odin, who was killed in the line  
5 of duty on August 22, 2024; and

6           WHEREAS, K9 Officer Odin was a 20-month-old Belgian  
7 Malinois/German Shepherd mix who joined the Alton Police  
8 Department in February 2024; he recently graduated from the  
9 Illinois State Police Academy as a member of Canine Class #89  
10 in early May; and

11           WHEREAS, K9 Officer Odin and his partner, Officer Allen  
12 Averbeck, were struck by gunfire while attempting to apprehend  
13 a suspect who was wanted in connection with a shooting that had  
14 occurred the night before; Officer Averbeck suffered  
15 non-life-threatening injuries while K9 Officer Odin tragically  
16 succumbed to his wounds; and

17           WHEREAS, K9 Officer Odin courageously sacrificed his life  
18 to save the lives of his fellow officers of the Alton Police  
19 Department; and

20           WHEREAS, K9 Officer Odin and his partner, Officer  
21 Averbeck, were dedicated to protecting and serving their

1 community and apprehending violent offenders; Officer Averbeck  
2 is left with the responsibility of carrying out their duties  
3 in his honor; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
5 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
6 we mourn the passing of K9 Officer Odin and extend our sincere  
7 condolences to Officer Averbeck, the Alton Police Department,  
8 and all those who loved him; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That we thank K9 Officer Odin and Officer  
10 Averbeck for the sacrifices they have made in service to their  
11 community; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
13 presented to the Alton Police Department and Officer Averbeck  
14 as an expression of our deepest sympathy.