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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois were saddened to learn of the tragic death of Detective William "Wally" Rolniak, Jr., on February 4, 2004; and

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WHEREAS, William "Wally" Rolniak, Jr., was born March 7, 1964 in Chicago; he graduated from Thornton Township High School on June 10, 1982; and

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WHEREAS, He served the United States Air Force from September 1983 through April 1987 before receiving honorable discharge; and

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WHEREAS, Detective Rolniak joined the Riverdale Police Department in 1992 and held the rank of Detective for the last 6 years; during his career with the police department he received several commendations; and

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WHEREAS, Detective Rolniak was the first Riverdale police officer killed in the line of duty; and

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WHEREAS, The passing of Detective William "Wally" Rolniak, Jr., will be deeply felt by many, especially his wife, Maureen (nee Reilly); his daughters, Nicole and Denise; his parents, William, Sr., and Karen Rolniak; and his three sisters, Debbie (Vince) Rizzi, Michelle (Jim) Schaller, and Stacey (Dan) Koontz; his brother-in-law, Dennis (Kathy) Reilly; his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Ken and Carol Reilly; and many nieces and nephews; therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the tragic passing of Detective William "Wally" Rolniak, Jr., along with all who knew and loved him and extend our

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1 sincere condolences to his family, friends, and community; and
2 be it further

3 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
4 presented to the family of Detective William "Wally" Rolniak,
5 Jr., as an expression of our deepest sympathy.