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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Eric D. Lee recently was named the recipient of the 2006 Community Service Award from Leo High School; and

WHEREAS, Eric Dwayne Lee was born on October 11, 1963; he was first of four children of Bobby and Alma Lee; he graduated from St. Carthage Grammar school on Chicago's Southside in 1977 and went on to Leo High School and graduated in 1981; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lee was an honors student at Leo High; he was active in basketball, track, and student government; he was the Vice President of the student body as a senior; he was known to his classmates as a genuine, caring individual that embodied the qualities of a true Leo Man, a leader, and a friend; and

WHEREAS, After graduation, he enrolled at the University of Illinois, Chicago; he then answered the call of his country and joined the United States Marine Corps; he served four years in the Marines and was honorably discharged in 1987 after earning the rank of Corporal; and

WHEREAS, In 1991, Mr. Lee answered the call to service again when he joined the Chicago Police Department and was assigned to the 2nd district as a patrolman; in June of 2000, he moved on to the 7th district as a member of the tactical/gang unit known as "The Englewood Rangers"; he was known as a hard working dedicated officer; and

WHEREAS, In 1993, he married Shawn S. Tinelle and started a family; they were blessed with a daughter, Erica; he went back to school and graduated Summa Cum Laude from Chicago State University with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and had begun working on his master's degree; and

WHEREAS, On August 19, 2001, Mr. Lee was on patrol with two

1 other officers; they spotted a man being beaten in an alley;
2 when he and his fellow officers approached the scene and
3 identified themselves as police, shots were fired, and he was
4 killed in the line of duty; and

5 WHEREAS, Officer Eric Dwayne Lee made the ultimate
6 sacrifice for doing the right thing; he was dedicated to his
7 family, friends, and community; he personified the Leo High
8 School motto of Facta Non Verba; for those reasons and for the
9 person he was, his classmates nominated him posthumously for
10 the Community Service Award; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
12 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
13 we recognize the sacrifice of Mr. Eric D. Lee, a fitting
14 recipient of the 2006 Community Service Award from Leo High
15 School; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to the family of Officer Eric Lee as an expression of
18 our respect and gratitude for his willingness to protect and
19 serve his community.