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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 Naperville Police Officer Donald "D.J." Andries, a fifteen-year resident of Oswego, who passed away on December 13, 2008; and

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WHEREAS, He was born March 10, 1961 in Chicago; he was a graduate of Deerfield High School and he served in the United States Navy for nine years, serving on the USS New Orleans; and

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WHEREAS, He served with the Naperville Police Department for sixteen years; he worked as a field training officer, Honor Guard member, and beat officer in the patrol division; and

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WHEREAS, He was also a member of the police department's Elderly Services Team and the elementary school reading program at Scott School; and

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WHEREAS, He was called the "Gentle Giant" because of his height of 6 foot, 5 inches and his gentle and relaxed demeanor that put people at ease; and

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WHEREAS, Donald "D.J." Andries is survived by his loving wife of 24 years, Mary (nee McNellis); his devoted sons, Second Lieutenant Timothy Joseph Andries and Brian Donald Andries; his

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1 parents, Donald and Dorothy (Delacoma) Andries, Sr.; his
2 brothers, Daniel Albert (Ann), David Delacoma (Paula), and
3 Darrill James Andries; his brothers and sisters-in-law, John,
4 Patrick, Thomas, Eileen McNellis, Clare Mitchell, and Laura
5 Zuzuly; and many nieces and nephews; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL
7 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
8 his family, friends, and community, the passing of Officer
9 Donald "D.J." Andries; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
11 presented to the family of Officer Donald "D.J." Andries as a
12 symbol of our sincere sympathy.