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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 Michael O'Connell of Tinley Park; and

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WHEREAS, Michael O'Connell was a graduate of the FBI National Academy and Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command; he also held a master's degree in criminal justice from Lewis University; and

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WHEREAS, Michael O'Connell had a long and distinguished career in law enforcement; he began his career in 1972 as a patrol officer with the Riverdale Police Department, and he served as police chief of the Riverdale Police Department for six years; in 1995, he was appointed to serve as police chief of the Village of Tinley Park, where he served until his passing; and

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WHEREAS, Michael O'Connell taught criminal justice courses at South Suburban College for several years; and

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WHEREAS, Michael O'Connell was active on numerous Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police committees, including those that focus on domestic terrorism and homeland security; he also served on the Executive Board of the South Suburban Association of Chiefs of Police; and

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1 WHEREAS, Michael O'Connell was widely respected and
2 influential throughout the Illinois law enforcement community;
3 he was the recipient of the 2005 "Police Chief of the Year"
4 award from the Illinois State Crime Commission for his work;
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6 WHEREAS, Michael O'Connell is survived by his wife, Barb;
7 his daughter, Colleen; his son, Michael, and his
8 daughter-in-law, Liz; his daughter, Michelle (Anichini), and
9 his son-in-law, Paul; and his four grandchildren; therefore, be
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11 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL
12 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
13 his family and friends, the passing of Michael O'Connell; and
14 be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to the family of Michael O'Connell as an expression
17 of our sympathy.