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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, On December 23, 2000, Lt. Scott Gillen of the Chicago Fire Department was struck and killed on the Dan Ryan Expressway when a motorist recklessly drove through an accident scene in which Lt. Gillen was assisting; and

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WHEREAS, In 2002, the State of Illinois enacted Scott's Law in honor of Lt. Gillen, which mandates that upon approaching a stationary authorized emergency vehicle displaying warning lights, the approaching vehicle shall reduce the speed of the vehicle, yield the right-of-way by changing lanes away from the authorized emergency vehicle, and proceed with due regard to safety and traffic conditions; and

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WHEREAS, In recent years, the Illinois State Police have lost Troopers Kyle Deatherage and James Sauter in the line of duty and Troopers Doug Balder and Michael Cokins have been seriously injured in accidents; and

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WHEREAS, The Pontiac Police Department lost Officer Casey J. Kohlmeier and his K-9 partner, Draco, in the line of duty; and

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WHEREAS, The Bloomington and Hudson Fire Departments lost Firefighter Christopher Brown in the line of duty; and

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1           WHEREAS, The Illinois Tollway lost Vincent Petrella in the  
2 line of duty; and

3           WHEREAS, These individuals represent only some of the first  
4 responders that continue to lose their lives while assisting  
5 others along Illinois roadways; therefore, be it

6           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
7 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
8 we encourage motorists who see flashing emergency vehicle  
9 lights to remember Scott's Law and to move their vehicles over  
10 to give those first responders an adequate area in which to do  
11 their jobs; and be it further

12           RESOLVED, That we designate December 23, 2014 as "Scott's  
13 Law Day" in the State of Illinois.