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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The General Assembly values the courage and hard
3 work of law enforcement officers; it is important to ensure
4 that these officers have the tools necessary to perform their
5 duties without safety concerns; and

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WHEREAS, Ford stopped making the Crown Victoria in 2011,
7 but nearly two-thirds of the present State police fleet are
8 still Crown Victorias; and

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WHEREAS, Safety concerns have been expressed concerning
10 the use of Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptors; and

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WHEREAS, The expansive front seat, the powerful V-8 engine,
12 and the large trunk have made the Crown Victoria a favorite for
13 officers, but certain design features have concerned
14 auto-safety advocates as well as trial lawyers; and

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WHEREAS, The Crown Victoria exceeds federal crash safety
16 standards, however, the location of the fuel tank makes it
17 especially dangerous for police work; and

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WHEREAS, Safety advocates claim the position of the fuel
19 tank on the Ford Crown Victoria, behind the rear axle rather
20 than above or in front of the axle, has made the car more

1 likely to burst into flames when struck from behind; and

2 WHEREAS, It is estimated that over 800 Illinois State
3 Police squad cars on the road are Ford Crown Victorias; and

4 WHEREAS, It is critical to insure that the Illinois law
5 enforcement personal are safe so that they are able to protect
6 and serve; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
8 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
9 urge the Illinois State Police to study the safety of the
10 current fleet of Ford Crown Victorias; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That the report be delivered to the members of
12 the Illinois House of Representatives by January 1, 2016; and
13 be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
15 delivered to the Director of the Illinois State Police.