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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, According to the United States Department of  
3 Justice, there are over one million full-time law enforcement  
4 officers serving in communities throughout the United States;  
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6           WHEREAS, Over 50,000 of those officers serve the residents  
7 of Illinois; and

8           WHEREAS, Police officers have honorably chosen an  
9 occupation the demands of which include nobly and selflessly  
10 assuming risks and suffering inconveniences on behalf of  
11 strangers; and

12           WHEREAS, Every police officer reports for duty each day  
13 knowing that he or she could be confronted with  
14 life-threatening danger, but still they faithfully serve their  
15 communities in order to protect the lives, defend the civil  
16 liberties, and secure the safety of their fellow citizens; and

17           WHEREAS, Since 1791, there have been over 22,000 police  
18 officers killed in the line of duty throughout the United  
19 States of America; and

20           WHEREAS, More than 1,000 of those officers killed in the

1 line of duty have been Illinois police officers; and

2 WHEREAS, Thanks in large part to the vigilance and  
3 dedication of Illinois police officers, the occurrence of  
4 violent crime in Illinois has declined precipitously over the  
5 past 20 years; and

6 WHEREAS, Illinois State elected officials, before taking  
7 office, swear or affirm an oath to support the Constitutions of  
8 the State of Illinois and the United States, including  
9 fulfilling the constitutional purposes of providing for the  
10 health, safety, and welfare of the people and insuring domestic  
11 tranquility; this oath would be impossible to keep without the  
12 courage and sacrifice of Illinois police officers; and

13 WHEREAS, The bravery of all law enforcement officers who  
14 have stood to protect the residents of their communities shall  
15 never be forgotten; and

16 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois' debt to those officers who  
17 have given their lives in the line of duty can never be  
18 adequately repaid; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
20 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
21 pay tribute to all law enforcement officers of the United

1 States and the State of Illinois, and thank them for the risks  
2 they assume on our behalf each day; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That we solemnly mourn the loss of those officers  
4 who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.