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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, On June 7, 2016, five police officers were  
3 murdered in Dallas, Texas; and

4 WHEREAS, Four of those officers were members of the Dallas  
5 Police Department; one was an officer with the Dallas Area  
6 Rapid Transit police force; and

7 WHEREAS, At the time of their deaths, the officers were  
8 performing their sworn duty, guarding civilians during an  
9 emotionally bitter protest march that was being actively  
10 covered by the news media; and

11 WHEREAS, As a result of these officers performing their  
12 duties by standing guard, the killer knew exactly where they  
13 would be and was able to set up positions from which to ambush  
14 them; and

15 WHEREAS, In addition to the police officers who were  
16 killed, six other police officers and one civilian were  
17 injured; and

18 WHEREAS, The death toll of this incident, and the  
19 circumstances surrounding the shootings, have led it to be  
20 characterized as one of the worst atrocities in the history of

1 United States urban violence; and

2 WHEREAS, The circumstances of this incident make it all the  
3 more essential that Americans respond as members of a common  
4 society and country, this response being the best (and possibly  
5 the only) way to avoid spiraling downhill into a mental state  
6 of hatred, fear, and bitterness; and

7 WHEREAS, The fallen Dallas Police Department officers are  
8 Lorne Ahrens, Michael Krol, Michael Smith, and Patrick  
9 Zamarripa; the fallen Dallas Area Rapid Transit officer is  
10 Brent Thompson; they, and their fellow officers who were  
11 injured or maimed in this incident, will be remembered on the  
12 honor roll of their service by the police officers and  
13 civilians of the United States; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
15 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
16 pay solemn tribute to the memories of the fallen officers of  
17 Dallas, Texas, and to the traditions of service for which they  
18 and their families paid the ultimate sacrifice; and be it  
19 further

20 RESOLVED, That we mark the adoption of this resolution with  
21 a moment of silent reflection in honor of these fallen heroes  
22 of American law enforcement; and be it further

1           RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution shall be  
2 presented to the Chiefs of Police of the Dallas Police  
3 Department and the Dallas Area Rapid Transit Police Department,  
4 as tokens of the honor paid by Illinois to these fallen and  
5 wounded officers, and as an expression of due deference to the  
6 police officers of the United States.