

## 1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, According to recently released statistics, 231  
3 federal, state, and local law enforcement officers were  
4 killed in the line of duty nationwide in 2001; and

5 WHEREAS, Such figures represent a 53 per cent increase in  
6 the number of peace officers killed in the line of duty from  
7 2000; and

8 WHEREAS, The National Institute for Occupational Safety  
9 and Health has determined that a deputy sheriff or police  
10 officer has the second highest risk of being murdered on the  
11 job; and

12 WHEREAS, Often, the dangers and risks that peace officers  
13 are subject to in order to protect the freedom of the  
14 citizens of this nation are overlooked; and

15 WHEREAS, By Act of Congress, May 15th of each year is  
16 National Peace Officers Memorial Day, and the first Sunday in  
17 May is the Chicago Police Department's St. Jude Police League  
18 Memorial March; and

19 WHEREAS, The nation pays tribute to the federal, state,  
20 and local law enforcement officers who have paid the supreme  
21 price of their lives at a National Law Enforcement Officers  
22 Memorial in Washington, D.C., with blue and gray marble walls  
23 displaying the names of more than 15,000 officers killed in  
24 the line of duty since 1792; and

25 WHEREAS, In 1990, the State of Illinois completed a  
26 memorial to honor law enforcement officers who made the  
27 supreme sacrifice of behalf of the people of Illinois, with a  
28 six-foot-tall statue of male and female law enforcement  
29 officers atop a seven-foot-tall, six-sided base; and

30 WHEREAS, In 2000, the City of Chicago dedicated the Gold

1 Star Families Memorial Park along Chicago's lakefront, with  
2 460 trees planted, one honoring each Chicago police officer  
3 killed in the line of duty; and

4 WHEREAS, The Cook County Board of Commissioners has  
5 designated May 10 as Peace Officers Day of Remembrance and  
6 Recognition in Cook County to provide a lasting memorial to  
7 all peace officers killed in the line of duty within Cook  
8 County and to pay tribute to those who currently serve in  
9 such positions; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL  
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we hereby remember  
12 and honor the memories of all peace officers, whether they be  
13 sheriffs, correctional guards, police officers, or any other  
14 such service officer killed in the line of duty, and do  
15 recognize and appreciate the dedication of those who  
16 currently so serve by designating May 10th as Peace Officer  
17 Day of Remembrance and Recognition in Cook County, Illinois,  
18 beginning in the year 2002, and each year thereafter; and be  
19 it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
21 presented to the Co-Chairmen of the Cook County Peace Officer  
22 Memorial Foundation, Edward T. Sajdak and Jason H. Watson.