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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Officer Stevenson "Steve" Jones of Elgin, who passed away on May 7, 2017; and

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WHEREAS, Officer Jones was born on June 13, 1957; and

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WHEREAS, Officer Jones was a veteran of the Elgin Police Department and a school resource officer at Kimball Middle School; he worked for 28 years making Elgin a better place to live; he was well known throughout Elgin, where he spent his entire career after being hired in 1989; and

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WHEREAS, Officer Jones worked patrol for many years and was a member of the department's drug unit and the multijurisdictional North Central Narcotics Task Force; and

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WHEREAS, Officer Jones ran a mentoring program for kids, connecting them with people he knew in the community; he helped organize the "community conversations" series held between police and residents at Second Baptist Church of Elgin; he is one of the founding members of the Northern Illinois Chapter of National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives; he was most recently honored with the Life Time Membership from the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement

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1 (N.O.B.L.E.); and

2 WHEREAS, Officer Jones earned 16 letters of appreciation, a
3 department commendation in 1995, and distinguished service
4 awards in 2010 and 2015; and

5 WHEREAS, Officer Jones enjoyed sports and was a fan of the
6 Chicago Cubs, Chicago Bulls, and Chicago Bears; he recently
7 organized a visit at Kimball Middle School by Jarrett Payton,
8 son of the late Walter Payton, the former Chicago Bears Running
9 back; and

10 WHEREAS, Officer Jones became very popular among the
11 students and staff at Kimball Middle School in Elgin; many of
12 the students described him as amazing, legendary, and some even
13 said he was a father figure to them; he was very approachable
14 and took many of the younger officers under his wing sharing
15 many of his life experience; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
17 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
18 Officer Stevenson "Steve" Jones, and extend our sincere
19 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved
20 him; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the family of Officer Jones as an expression of
2 our deepest sympathy.