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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Jerry D.
4 Bratcher, former police chief of Palatine, who passed away on
5 August 20, 2020; and

6 WHEREAS, Chief Bratcher was born on August 15, 1934; he
7 served in the U.S. Marine Corps, enlisting at the age of 17
8 during the Korean War; he was a drill instructor and earned the
9 rank of sergeant before he was honorably discharged; he earned
10 his bachelor's and master's degrees from Western Illinois
11 University; he earned a second master's degree in Public
12 Administration from Roosevelt University; he graduated from
13 the FBI National Academy and the Southern Police Institute; and

14 WHEREAS, After leaving the U.S. Marine Corps, Chief
15 Bratcher had a 40-year career in law enforcement; he first
16 joined the DeKalb Police Department, where he rose through the
17 ranks to captain; he later accepted the chief of police
18 position in Rochelle and served there for five years; he then
19 became the chief of police in Palatine, where he served for 25
20 years; and

21 WHEREAS, Chief Jerry Bratcher's tenure as the chief of
22 police was marked by the adoption of many innovative policing

1 techniques, including implementing a local crime prevention
2 unit, making the Palatine Police Department the first police
3 department to do so in the State of Illinois; under his
4 leadership, the department adopted a neighborhood-based
5 policing approach and started requiring four-year college
6 degrees for new officer hires; and

7 WHEREAS, Chief Bratcher was preceded in death by his wife
8 of 53 years, Helen; and

9 WHEREAS, Chief Bratcher was the loving father of Kim
10 O'Brien, Steve (Nancy) Bratcher, and Nicole Sisk; and he was
11 the cherished grandfather of 13 grandchildren and 1
12 great-granddaughter; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
14 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
15 we mourn the passing of Jerry D. Bratcher, former police chief
16 of Palatine, and extend our sincere condolences to his family,
17 friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to the family of Chief Bratcher as an expression of
20 our deepest sympathy.