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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 Centreville Police Lieutenant Gregory Jonas of Centreville, who was killed in the line of duty on June 2, 2009; and

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WHEREAS, He was born in Centreville, formerly Fireworks Station, on June 12, 1949, to Roy Mathews and Vivian Whigham; he attended East St. Louis Senior High School from 1963 to 1967; after high school he attended Texas Tech University in Tyler, Texas from 1968 to 1972; and

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WHEREAS, He joined the Alorton Police Department in 1976, where he worked for eight years; in 1995 Greg joined the Centreville Police Department; in 2004 he was promoted to the position of Lieutenant; he married Ms. Viola Madlock in 2003; and

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WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his sister, Elise Hughs; and

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WHEREAS, Lieutenant Gregory Jonas leaves to cherish his memory, his dear and loving wife of six years, Viola Jonas; his loving mother, Ms. Vivian Whigham; his two sons, Jamal Jonas and Antonio McNamee; his four daughters, Kalidah (Juan) Jonas

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1 Carraway, Joni McNamee, Jessica McNamee, and Annette McNamee;  
2 his two special grandchildren, Tamondja Smith and Antonio  
3 Harris; his 10 beautiful grandchildren and a host of other  
4 relatives and friends; his best friend, Sgt. Barry Foster; the  
5 Centreville police department; and the entire community of  
6 Centreville; therefore, be it

7       RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL  
8 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with  
9 his family, friends, and a grateful community, the passing of  
10 Centreville Police Lieutenant Gregory Jonas; and be it further

11       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
12 presented to the family of Centreville Police Lieutenant  
13 Gregory Jonas as a symbol of our sincere sympathy.