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SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to
3 learn of the death of Hinsdale Deputy Fire Chief Mark P.
4 Johnson, who died in the line of duty on September 20, 2010;
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6 WHEREAS, Prior to working with the Hinsdale Fire
7 Department, he worked for Soukup's Hardware (now, Fuller's
8 Hardware) throughout high school and college; he later worked
9 at the Adventist Hinsdale Hospital as the safety inspector; and

10 WHEREAS, He lived in LaGrange Park and held an associate's
11 degree in fire science from the College of DuPage, a bachelor's
12 degree in fire science from Southern Illinois University, and a
13 bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Illinois
14 in Chicago; and

15 WHEREAS, He joined the Hinsdale Fire Department in February
16 of 1986; he was promoted to lieutenant in October of 2001, to
17 captain in May of 2003, and to deputy chief in May of 2008; and

18 WHEREAS, He voluntarily enrolled in the Good Samaritan
19 Paramedic program in 1988, becoming one of the first
20 paramedic/firefighters in the department; and

1 WHEREAS, He served as the department's training officer and
2 paramedic coordinator for several years; and

3 WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his parents; Philip
4 and Carol Johnson; and

5 WHEREAS, Mark Johnson is survived by his wife, Cheryl (nee,
6 Schroeder); his son, Matthew; his siblings, Eric (Kyle)
7 Bachman-Johnson, Hope (James) Glass, Joyce (Don) Ross, and Leif
8 (Liz) Johnson; his mother-in-law and father-in-law, Mary and
9 Leo Schroeder; his sisters-in-law, Carrie Chavez and Sue
10 Schroeder; and his nieces and nephews, Jessica, Addie, Bart,
11 Jamie, Logan, Jenny, Jake, Ben, Avery, Mindi, Julian, Nathan,
12 Aidan, Beth, Emily, Lauren, Jackie, Abbey, Finn, Nick, Amanda,
13 Maddi, Tori, and Emma; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL
15 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
16 his family, friends, fellow firefighters, and a grateful
17 community, the passing of Hinsdale Deputy Fire Chief Mark P.
18 Johnson; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to the family of Mark Johnson as a symbol of our
21 sincere sympathy.