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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, There are a total of 992 Illinois police officers  
3 that have been disabled in the line of duty; and

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WHEREAS, Police officers, deputies, and correctional  
5 officers are at risk of injuries and assaults nearly every day  
6 on the job; and

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WHEREAS, Approximately 50 police officers are disabled in  
8 the line of duty each year; and

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WHEREAS, In addition to the loss of health, disabled peace  
officers experience financial loss as well as loss of peer  
support and their status in the community; and

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WHEREAS, Becoming disabled from a profession where health,  
strength, and ability to perform is prized has great  
psychological consequences; and

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WHEREAS, Police officers who have been separated due to  
disability have a suicide rate ten times higher than that for  
active officers; and

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WHEREAS, The first Thursday in May of each year is  
designated in the State of Illinois as Peace Officers Memorial

1 Day, recognizing the bravery and sacrifice of peace officers  
2 who have lost their lives in the line of duty; and

3 WHEREAS, There is presently not an appropriate recognition  
4 for the ongoing bravery and sacrifice of peace officers who  
5 have been disabled in the line of duty; and

6 WHEREAS, Those peace officers who have been disabled while  
7 performing their duty to protect the citizens of Illinois have  
8 the respect of a grateful State; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL  
10 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we designate the first  
11 Wednesday in May as Disabled Peace Officers Recognition Day in  
12 Illinois, recognizing the ongoing bravery and sacrifice of  
13 peace officers who live with disabilities received in the line  
14 of duty; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That Disabled Peace Officers Recognition Day  
16 shall be observed throughout the State by the citizens of  
17 Illinois with civic remembrances to acknowledge their  
18 sacrifices and our gratitude; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
20 presented to each of the statewide police associations as an  
21 expression of our respect and appreciation.