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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 Joseph Mendrick, who passed away on September 5, 2016; and

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WHEREAS, Joseph Mendrick was born in Chicago and raised in Cicero, where he graduated from Morton High School East; and

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WHEREAS, Joseph Mendrick served in the United States Army as a military police officer from 1965 to 1966; and

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WHEREAS, Joseph Mendrick earned an associate's degree from Triton College and a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Aurora University; he also received a diploma in traffic police administration from Northwestern University and was a graduate of the FBI law enforcement executive training session in Quantico, Virginia; and

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WHEREAS, Joseph Mendrick began his 35-year career with the Oak Park Police Department in 1967 as a patrol officer; in the 1970s, he became a detective and earned several promotions before serving twice as acting chief in the 1980s; as he rose through the ranks, he saw how the lack of diversity within the department made policing a diverse community more difficult; after becoming police chief in 1991, he launched community

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1 policing in the village, brought police officers into the west  
2 suburb's schools for the first time, and made his force more  
3 racially diverse; he retired as chief in 2001; and

4 WHEREAS, Joseph Mendrick is survived by his wife of 46  
5 years, Nanette; his sons, Bill and James Joseph; his brother,  
6 Edward; and five grandchildren; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL  
8 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we, along with his  
9 family and friends, mourn the passing of Joseph Mendrick; and  
10 be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
12 presented to the family of Joseph Mendrick as an expression of  
13 our sympathy.