

## 1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to express their sincere condolences to  
4 the family and friends of Officer Brian T. Strouse, who was  
5 killed in the line of duty on July 1, 2001; and

6 WHEREAS, Born June 1, 1968 to Paul and Ann Marie Strouse,  
7 Brian Strouse grew up in the Montclare neighborhood on  
8 Chicago's Northwest side; he was a graduate of Lane Tech High  
9 School and attended Wright Junior College; and

10 WHEREAS, After graduation, Officer Strouse enlisted in  
11 the United States Marine Corps and served for four years,  
12 including a tour of duty in the Persian Gulf; and

13 WHEREAS, After military service, Officer Strouse joined  
14 the Chicago Police Department where he served the 12th  
15 District as a member of the Monroe District tactical unit, a  
16 unit of elite officers who perform some of the most dangerous  
17 assignments on the 13,500 member force; he often worked out  
18 of uniform in high crime neighborhoods to monitor drug and  
19 gang activity; and

20 WHEREAS, Officer Strouse was a natural-born leader who  
21 became his tactical team's "ringleader" largely because of  
22 his affable personality and tendency to crack a joke or quip  
23 what became known as "Strousisms"; he was known as "the  
24 Preacher" because of his tendency to offer kind lectures to  
25 youth in the district about staying in school and getting  
26 jobs; and

27 WHEREAS, During his career, Officer Strouse received 61  
28 departmental commendations including an honor for rescuing,  
29 along with two other officers, Yolanda Ellis from a burning  
30 apartment building on the morning of November 2, 1999; and

31 WHEREAS, Officer Brian Strouse enjoyed playing softball

1 and golf and was an avid Chicago Cubs fan; and

2 WHEREAS, The passing of Officer Brian Strouse will be  
3 deeply felt by all who knew and loved him, especially his  
4 parents, Paul and Ann Marie Strouse; his sisters, Kathleen  
5 Noncz, Paula Strouse, and Cynthia Strouse; his childhood  
6 friends, Chris Roy, Joey Samansky, and Rocco Spizzirri; and a  
7 host of additional relatives, friends, and colleagues at the  
8 12th District of the Chicago Police Department where his  
9 presence will be dearly missed; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
11 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
12 we mourn, along with all who knew him, the death of Officer  
13 Brian Strouse of Chicago, Illinois; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
15 presented to the family of Officer Brian Strouse with our  
16 sincere condolences.