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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Illinois
4 State Trooper Corey Steven Thompsen of rural St. Joseph, who
5 was killed in the line of duty on October 18, 2024; and

6 WHEREAS, Trooper Thompsen was born to Steve and Susan
7 Thompsen in Urbana on August 28, 1996; he was raised in St.
8 Joseph, graduating from St. Joseph-Ogden High School in 2014,
9 where he was a four-year letter winner in cross country and
10 track; he graduated from the criminal justice program at
11 Danville Area Community College and then attended Western
12 Illinois University, running cross country at both
13 institutions; he earned his Bachelor of Science in Criminal
14 Justice from Indiana State University in 2018; he married
15 Chelsea Blaase in Tennessee on June 2, 2024; and

16 WHEREAS, Trooper Thompsen began his career in law
17 enforcement after graduating from the Southwestern Police
18 Academy as part of Session 137, and he initially worked with
19 the Vermilion County Metropolitan Enforcement Group (VMEG); he
20 then attended the Illinois State Police Academy as a member of
21 Cadet Class 130 from 2019 to 2020; he was assigned to Illinois
22 State Police District 10 in Pesotum; he joined the Illinois
23 State Police Motorcycle Enforcement Bureau in 2022; he was

1 assigned to Central Special Operations Group (SOG) Fatal 4
2 Team in 2023, serving Troop 7; and

3 WHEREAS, Trooper Thompsen was proud of serving the
4 Illinois State Police; he was especially proud of being part
5 of the motor unit, viewing his colleagues as a second family
6 and a tight-knit group of friends; during his service, he
7 participated in several escort details across the State that
8 included the president, the vice president, memorial services,
9 and charity bike rides; and

10 WHEREAS, Trooper Thompsen was a member of the Fraternal
11 Order of Police (FOP) Troopers Lodge 41, the Alpha Phi Sigma
12 national criminal justice society, and the Phi Theta Kappa
13 honor society; and

14 WHEREAS, Trooper Thompsen loved vehicles, and he was
15 particular about those he owned and took meticulous care of
16 them; he loved attending family gatherings, and his favorite
17 family activities involved teasing and joking with family
18 members; and

19 WHEREAS, Trooper Thompsen was a family man who was always
20 there when anyone needed him, a respected member of the
21 Illinois State Police, and a friend to many; and

1 WHEREAS, Trooper Thompsen is survived by his wife,
2 Chelsea; his parents; his brothers, Ryan and Mitchell; his
3 parents-in-law, Doug and Nanci Blaase; his brother-in-law,
4 Drew Blaase; his maternal grandparents, Joseph and Barbara
5 Peters; his paternal grandparents, John and Donna Thompsen;
6 numerous extended family members, aunts, uncles, and cousins;
7 and his German shepherds, Garmin and Grimm; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
9 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
10 we mourn the passing of Illinois State Trooper Corey Steven
11 Thompsen and extend our sincere condolences to his family,
12 friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to the family of Trooper Thompsen as an expression
15 of our deepest sympathy.