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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 Park
4 Forest Police Officer Tim Jones, who passed away on December
5 3, 2025; and

6 WHEREAS, Officer Jones joined the Park Forest Police
7 Department in June 2015, bringing with him a deep sense of
8 duty, compassion, and professionalism as a second-generation
9 police officer dedicated to serving and protecting the public;
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11 WHEREAS, Officer Jones was critically wounded in the line
12 of duty on March 19, 2016 while taking an armed offender into
13 custody, sustaining life-threatening injuries that marked the
14 beginning of a nearly decade-long journey defined by
15 extraordinary resilience and courage; and

16 WHEREAS, Officer Jones' remarkable fight for life inspired
17 the Village of Park Forest, the region, and supporters across
18 the nation, giving rise to the "Tim Strong" movement, a symbol
19 of unity, hope, and steadfast community support reflected in
20 blue porch lights, fundraisers, and messages of encouragement;
21 and

1 WHEREAS, Officer Jones and his family received an
2 unprecedented display of compassion, solidarity, and civic
3 pride from the Village of Park Forest, its residents, and its
4 business community in support of one of their own; and

5 WHEREAS, Officer Jones' story became a profound reminder
6 of the risks law enforcement officers face every day and
7 strengthened Park Forests' commitment to supporting the
8 physical, emotional, and mental well-being of our first
9 responders and public servants; and

10 WHEREAS, Officer Jones' courage and spirit were recognized
11 regularly at Park Forest Village Board meetings, community
12 events, and Park Forest Police Department ceremonies, where
13 his perseverance was honored as an example of extraordinary
14 devotion to duty and personal strength; and

15 WHEREAS, Officer Jones, despite profound challenges,
16 remained a cherished member of the Park Forest Police
17 Department, serving as an honorary officer and maintaining
18 strong bonds with the officers, staff, and residents who stood
19 beside him throughout his recovery; and

20 WHEREAS, In 2018, Park Forest dedicated a section of
21 Lakewood Boulevard as "Honorary Officer Tim Jones Way" in
22 tribute to his profound impact on the community and his

1 embodiment of courage and resilience; and

2 WHEREAS, Officer Jones' strength, determination, and
3 unwavering resolve became part of the identity of Park Forest,
4 exemplifying the highest ideals of public service, bravery,
5 and community solidarity; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
7 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
8 we mourn the passing of Park Forest Police Officer Tim Jones
9 and extend our sincere condolences to his family, friends, and
10 all who knew and loved him; and be it further

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