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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are saddened by the passing of Illinois State
4 Police Trooper Nicholas Hopkins, who lost his life in the line
5 of duty on August 23, 2019; and

6 WHEREAS, Trooper Hopkins was born on March 24, 1986 in Red
7 Bud; he moved to Waterloo, where he graduated from Waterloo
8 High School in 2004, and later, McKendree University in
9 Lebanon; and

10 WHEREAS, Trooper Hopkins #6141 began his law enforcement
11 career as a cadet with the Illinois State Police on June 1,
12 2009; he graduated from the academy and was assigned to
13 District 12 in Effingham; on August 1, 2013, he took an
14 assignment with the Illinois State Police general criminal
15 unit; in November of 2013, he was assigned to District 11
16 patrol in Collinsville; in February of 2016, he transferred to
17 the Metro East Police Assistance Team, and in September of
18 2017, he was assigned to Illinois State Police S.W.A.T.; in
19 2018, he became a senior agent; and

20 WHEREAS, Trooper Hopkins was closely involved in his
21 community, including as an active member of the Life Community
22 Church, where he was recognized for his tireless discipline,

1 willingness to help others, and unassailable sense of humor;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, Trooper Hopkins was preceded in death by his
4 paternal grandfather, Charles Hopkins; his maternal
5 grandparents, John and Magdalen Janson; and his uncle and aunt,
6 Robert "Bob" and Mardell Pelch; and

7 WHEREAS, Trooper Hopkins is survived by his wife, Whitney
8 Hopkins; his children, Emma, Evelyn, and Owen; his parents,
9 James and Verna Hopkins; his siblings, Valerie Dortch, Zack
10 Hopkins, Emily Auffenberg, Gabe Hopkins, and Abby Hopkins; his
11 grandmother, Evelyn Hopkins; as well as aunts, uncles, one
12 niece, several nephews, and cousins; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
14 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
15 we mourn the passing of Illinois State Police Trooper Nicholas
16 Hopkins and extend our sincere condolences to his family,
17 friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to the family of Trooper Hopkins as an expression of
20 our deepest sympathy.