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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 Lt. Thomas M. "Tommy" Houser of Sullivan, who passed away on February 27, 2020; and

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WHEREAS, Lt. Houser was born in Decatur to Thomas R. and Nona (Bodine) Houser on March 3, 1967; he married Elizabeth Myers in Decatur on June 18, 1988; and

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WHEREAS, Lt. Houser's law enforcement career spanned more than 31 years; he started with the Sullivan Police Department; he then served in the Moultrie County Sheriff's Department before joining the Illinois State Police after graduating in Cadet Class 100; and

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WHEREAS, As an officer in the Illinois State Police, Lt. Houser was first assigned to District 10 Patrol; he transferred to Zone 5 Investigations in 2002, where he served in the capacity of the Methamphetamine Response Team; he was promoted to Sergeant in 2006; he became a hostage negotiator for the Illinois State Police in 2007; he took command of the East Central Illinois Task Force (ECITF) and was promoted to Master Sergeant in 2009; he became the Zone 5 Lieutenant and transitioned within the department to the Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) in 2015, where he proudly remained for the

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1 duration of his career, in addition to serving as Chief of
2 Staff for Colonel Jill Rizzs; he supervised General Criminal
3 Investigations, the East Central Illinois Task Force, and the
4 Vermilion County Metropolitan Enforcement Group; he was
5 promoted to Lieutenant in 2018; he retired from the Illinois
6 State Police on October 1, 2019; and

7 WHEREAS, During his career, Lt. Houser was awarded a Life
8 Saving Award, a department commendation, multiple letters of
9 appreciation, and a Certificate of Recognition; he
10 consistently performed his duties to the highest standards and
11 personally epitomized the Illinois State Police's tenets of
12 Integrity, Service, and Pride; and

13 WHEREAS, Lt. Houser was a member of the Sullivan Faith
14 Lutheran Church, Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #41, Teamsters
15 Local 700, and the Moultrie County Dive Team; he also served as
16 a Moultrie County Dare Officer; and

17 WHEREAS, Lt. Houser was preceded in death by his father,
18 Thomas R. Houser; his mother-in-law, Nancy Myers; and his
19 maternal and paternal grandparents; and

20 WHEREAS, Lt. Houser is survived by his wife, Elizabeth; his
21 sons, Kyler T. Houser and Kedrick H. Houser; Kedrick's fiancé,
22 Keeley Benning; his mother, Nona Houser; his father-in-law,

1 James Myers (Helen); his brother, Richard L. (Justi) Houser;
2 his sister, Michele (Chris) Brownlow; his stepbrother, James
3 (Karen) Hancock; his niece, Raeshel (Stephen) Duncan; his
4 nephews, Dominick (Tabatha) Braden, Austin Cory (Robin), and
5 Dalton Brownlow; his great-niece, Layne Cory, with another
6 great-niece expected in June; his great-nephews, Cannon and
7 Talon Bradon; his special aunt, Maggie Myers; his several other
8 beloved aunts and uncles; his friends; and the law enforcement
9 officers' families; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
12 Lt. Thomas M. "Tommy" Houser and extend our sincere condolences
13 to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be
14 it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to the family of Lt. Houser as an expression of our
17 deepest sympathy.