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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

of Illinois 2 WHEREAS, The members the House of 3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of retired 4 Officer Scott Kleina, Badge number 80, who passed away on August 11, 2022; and 5 WHEREAS, Officer Scott Kleina began his law enforcement 6 7 career with the Blue Island Police Department; he then served 8 the residents and businesses of Alsip for 28 years with the 9 Alsip Police Department; and 10 WHEREAS, Office Scott Kleina was awarded several 11 commendations for bravery throughout his career; and 12 WHEREAS, Officer Scott Kleina loved his wife, Jeri Lynn, 13 his two daughters, Becky and Sydney, and his two sons, Daniel 14 and William; and 15 WHEREAS, Officer Scott Kleina participated in a variety of community activities, including many Alsip Fraternal Order of 16 17 Police Lodge 31 events; he was a frequent attendee at 18 performances by his favorite local band, "Six 2 Six", which

20 WHEREAS, Officer Scott Kleina took it upon himself to

consisted of fellow Alsip police officers; and

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- document and retain historical information and photographs of
- the Alsip Police Department, including maintaining the "Alsip
- 3 Police Back in the Day" social media page; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Officer Scott Kleina liked playing poker and was
- 5 a legendary organizer of annual block parties that celebrated
- 6 the 4th of July; during his retirement, he enjoyed spending
- 7 time with his kids, shooting hoops, tending to his vegetable
- 8 garden, and building bonfires near the pool; his holiday yard
- 9 decorations were well known in the neighborhood; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Everyone who has ever known Officer Scott Kleina
- 11 would tell you it seemed as if he never had a bad day, as he
- 12 always made everyone else's day a little brighter; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Officer Scott Kleina was preceded in death by his
- 14 parents; his sister, Sharon (Donald) Gurgel; his
- 15 father-in-law, Jerome Marzec; and his close friend, Ray
- 16 Bosley; and
- 17 WHEREAS, Officer Scott Kleina is survived by his wife; his
- 18 children, Becky, Sydney, Danny, and Billy Kleina; his sister,
- 19 Sheila (James) Elza; his brother, Keith (Cheryl) Kleina; his
- 20 nieces and nephews; his siblings-in-law, Chris (Marzec) and
- 21 Bryan McLawhorn; his mother-in-law, Mary Lou Pormba; and his
- 22 close friends, Teo Vargas, and Jim Brongiel; therefore, be it

- 1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
- 2 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
- 3 we mourn the passing of retired Officer Scott Kleina, Badge
- 4 number 80, and extend our sincere condolences to his family,
- 5 friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it further
- 6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
- 7 presented to the family of Officer Scott Kleina as an
- 8 expression of our deepest sympathy.