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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 Carl J. Alexander, former police chief of the City of Danville, who passed away on March 22, 2024; and

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WHEREAS, Chief Alexander was born on June 8, 1945; he attended Danville schools; he enlisted in the U.S. Army, serving in Korea, Vietnam, and Germany for more than eight years; he married Patricia Coleman; he later married Janet Williams in Las Vegas, Nevada on April 9, 1995; and

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WHEREAS, Chief Alexander joined the Metropolitan Police Department in Washington, D.C. in 1969, serving as an officer for more than 22 years before retiring in October 1991; he assumed duties as chief of police with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) in Danville in May 1992, managing the police and security forces for three VA outpatient clinics in central Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, Chief Alexander began serving as chief of police for the City of Danville in 1999; under his leadership, the Danville Police Department developed a strategic plan and mission statement for the future development of the department that remains the backbone for community policing in Danville; he was appointed the first public safety director of Danville

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1 in 2004; he retired from public service in 2007; and

2 WHEREAS, Chief Alexander served on several community
3 boards, including the Danville Housing Authority Board and the
4 Boys and Girls Club of Danville, where he also served weekly as
5 a mentor; and

6 WHEREAS, Chief Alexander was preceded in death by his
7 parents, Flossie Alexander and Robert Hillsman Sr.; his
8 siblings, Fayette Keys, Sandra Hundley, Robert Hillsman Jr.,
9 and Collette Hillsman; and his grandparents; and

10 WHEREAS, Chief Alexander is survived by his wife, Janet
11 Alexander; his children, Carla Alexander, Monica Williams,
12 Elliott Abram, and Tim Abram; his sister, Francine (Ernest)
13 Blanden; and his grandchildren, Ajani Young, Anya Young,
14 Mackenzie Smith, and Ielle Abram; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
16 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
17 Carl J. Alexander, former police chief of the City of
18 Danville, and extend our sincere condolences to his family,
19 friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to the family of Chief Alexander as an expression of

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1 our deepest sympathy.