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SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate wish to
3 express their sincere condolences to the family and friends
4 of Howard "Pat" Patterson, who passed away on May 5, 2001;
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6 WHEREAS, Howard Patterson was born in Chicago, Illinois
7 on June 24, 1936 to Roosevelt Patterson and Oda Mae; he
8 attended Douglas Elementary School and Englewood High School
9 where he excelled in football and met his future wife, Maude
10 Green; after high school he attended Wilson Jr. College; and

11 WHEREAS, Howard Patterson served a thirty-three year
12 career with the Chicago Police Department where his duties
13 included gang crimes, tactical units, vice, the Mayor's film
14 unit, Cook County State's Attorney's Office, Security
15 Specialist for former Illinois Attorney General Roland
16 Burris, Field Training Officer, and investigator with the
17 Major Accident Investigations Section; he retired from the
18 Chicago Police Department in 1997 with numerous honorable
19 mentions and letters of appreciation; and

20 WHEREAS, One of the highlights of Howard Patterson's long
21 career was when Mayor Richard J. Daley selected him to
22 provide security for Muhammad Ali; this led to the position
23 of Chief of Security for Muhammad Ali and a life-long
24 friendship; and

25 WHEREAS, Howard Patterson and his son, Howard Brian,
26 founded P & P Protective Inc., a business that provided
27 security for several businesses including grocers, OTB
28 facilities, and special events; and

29 WHEREAS, In April 1997, William "Bill" Shaw, Mayor of
30 Dolton, Illinois, appointed Howard Patterson as Dolton's
31 first African American Chief of Police; under his leadership

1 he initiated the department's first tactical team to address
2 criminal activity with rapid response units; he created the
3 bicycle and foot patrol units that monitor Dolton's parks,
4 businesses, and community areas; and he was responsible for
5 upgrading the police department to new standards and
6 certification; and

7 WHEREAS, Howard Patterson was a member of many
8 organizations including the 9th Ward Democratic Organization,
9 where he worked for many years with Commissioner Robert Shaw,
10 Alderman of the 9th Ward; he was also vice-president of the
11 African American Patrolman's League with the Chicago Police
12 Department, a member of the St. Jude League, the National
13 Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives, the South
14 Suburban Association Chiefs of Police, the Illinois
15 Association Chiefs of Police, and the International
16 Association Chiefs of Police; and

17 WHEREAS, The passing of Howard Patterson will be deeply
18 felt by all who knew and loved him, especially his wife,
19 Maude; his daughter, Angela Brazlen Regina; his brother,
20 Roosevelt; his grandchildren, Ivory Michelle and Howard
21 Brandon Patterson, Shawanaki, Tiffany, and Joshua; his great
22 grandchild, Tyrese; his aunt, Vera DesVerney; his
23 mother-in-law, Zirta Green; his sisters-in-law, Maxine Leslie
24 and Joyce Madison; and a host of loving nieces and nephews,
25 many cousins, and innumerable friends; therefore, be it

26 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL
27 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
28 all who new him, the death of Dolton Police Chief Howard
29 "Pat" Patterson; and be it further

30 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
31 presented to the family of Howard "Pat" Patterson with our
32 sincere condolences.