HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to recognize the extraordinary service and sacrifice of Illinois' first responders and the organizations that steadfastly support them and their families; and

WHEREAS, The 100 Club of Illinois was founded on August 27, 1966 and has served as a vital resource for first responders and their families throughout the State of Illinois for 60 years; and

WHEREAS, The mission of the 100 Club of Illinois is to provide resources, multiple forms of financial assistance, access to training, and moral support to the families of first responders who are killed in the line of duty, as well as to actively serving first responders across Illinois; and

WHEREAS, The 100 Club of Illinois serves all sworn federal, state, county, and local first responders stationed in Illinois, ensuring that those who protect our communities have access to support regardless of jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, The 100 Club of Illinois is also the largest provider of mental health training for first responders in the

State of Illinois, helping to strengthen resilience, wellness, and preparedness among those who routinely face trauma in the course of their duties; and

WHEREAS, Since its inception, the 100 Club of Illinois has provided benefits to 330 families of fallen public safety professionals, with total assistance exceeding $17 million in financial and emotional support; and

WHEREAS, First responders place themselves in harm's way every day to protect the safety, health, and well-being of the people of Illinois, and many have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their communities; and

WHEREAS, The bravery and sacrifice of fallen first responders should never be forgotten, and the public should honor those who serve and the families they leave behind; and

WHEREAS, August 27 holds special significance as the founding date of the 100 Club of Illinois and marks six decades of unwavering commitment to honoring fallen first responders and supporting their families; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare August 27, 2026 as Hero Day in Illinois to recognize

the bravery, dedication, and sacrifices of the first responders who gave their lives in the line of duty and to honor and support the families that they leave behind; and be it further

RESOLVED, That Hero Day in Illinois shall serve as a reminder to never forget the heroes we have lost, to express gratitude to those who continue to serve, and to reaffirm our commitment to supporting first responder families and the organizations that stand beside them; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we commend the 100 Club of Illinois on the occasion of its 60th anniversary and recognize its extraordinary contributions to first responders and their families across the State of Illinois; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the 100 Club of Illinois as an expression of respect, appreciation, and enduring gratitude.