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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened  
3 to learn of the death of Chief Robert McKay of Tinley Park, who  
4 passed away on February 22, 2025; and

5 WHEREAS, Chief McKay was born in Chicago to Robert and  
6 Marion McKay on July 1, 1965; he graduated from Oak Forest  
7 Christian Academy in 1983 and earned his bachelor's degree in  
8 finance from Liberty University in 1987; he married Tammy Jesk  
9 in Chicago on February 15, 2003; and

10 WHEREAS, Chief McKay dedicated his life of service to the  
11 North Maine Fire Protection District; he started his career  
12 with the department in May of 1995; he served as lieutenant  
13 from 2010 to 2013 and district chief from 2013 to 2017 and was  
14 appointed fire chief in 2017; he celebrated 30 years with the  
15 department on January 16, 2025; and

16 WHEREAS, Chief McKay enjoyed wood working, building  
17 things, old cars, biking, and walking with Tammy; he also  
18 enjoyed sports and was an avid fan of the Chicago Cubs; he  
19 especially enjoyed being with his son and his four-legged  
20 friend, Kodak Jack; and

21 WHEREAS, Chief McKay was preceded in death by his parents;

1 his stepmother, Carol; and his stepsister, Cathy; and

2 WHEREAS, Chief McKay is survived by his wife, Tammy; his  
3 son, Brooklin; his stepdaughter, Samantha; his sister, Bonnie  
4 (James); his stepsister, Cheri; and many other family members  
5 and friends; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL  
7 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
8 Chief Robert McKay and extend our sincere condolences to his  
9 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
10 further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
12 presented to the family of Chief McKay as an expression of our  
13 deepest sympathy.