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1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, It is highly fitting that the Illinois General  
3 Assembly pays honor and respect to those individuals who have  
4 given their lives in service to their communities; and

5 WHEREAS, Commander Paul R. Bauer faithfully served the  
6 Chicago Police Department (CPD) for over 31 years until his  
7 tragic on-duty death on February 13, 2018; and

8 WHEREAS, Commander Bauer joined the CPD in July 1986;  
9 through 1994, he served in the 3rd (Grand Crossing) and 1st  
10 (Central) Districts, as well as with the elite mounted unit; in  
11 1994, he was promoted to sergeant and assigned to the 22nd  
12 District (Morgan Park) until 1998; from 1998 through 2005, he  
13 served on specialized enforcement teams before returning to the  
14 mounted unit; in 2005, he was promoted to lieutenant and served  
15 in the 12th District (Near West) until 2008, when he once again  
16 returned to the mounted unit as its commanding officer; in  
17 2015, he was promoted to captain and served as executive  
18 officer of the 18th District; he was promoted to commander of  
19 the 18th District in July 2016; and

20 WHEREAS, Commander Bauer's most recent assignment was  
21 Commander of the 18th District (Near North); and

1           WHEREAS, Commander Bauer oversaw public safety plans at  
2 large scale events and for dignitary protection; he made  
3 community outreach a priority, attending countless public  
4 meetings and hosting a monthly Coffee with the Commander  
5 meeting in his district; and

6           WHEREAS, During his career, Commander Bauer earned 67  
7 awards and honorable mentions, including two for crime  
8 reduction; and

9           WHEREAS, Commander Bauer graduated from Saint Ignatius  
10 College Preparatory; he earned his Bachelor of Science from  
11 Northern Illinois University and his Master of Public  
12 Administration from the Illinois Institute of Technology; he is  
13 survived by his wife, Erin, and his 13 year old daughter,  
14 Grace; therefore, be it

15           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL  
16 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
17 CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate the James R. Thompson  
18 Center plaza, which is defined by the open space to the east  
19 and south of the building proper, bounded by the sidewalks of  
20 Randolph and Clark street, as the "Commander Paul R. Bauer  
21 Plaza"; and be it further

22           RESOLVED, That the Department of Central Management

1 Services is requested to erect, at suitable locations  
2 consistent with State and federal regulations, appropriate  
3 plaques or signs giving notice of the name of the "Commander  
4 Paul R. Bauer Plaza"; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
6 presented to the family of Commander Bauer and the Director of  
7 Central Management Services.