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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

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2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of 3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Rockford 4 Police Department K9 Officer Nyx, who was killed in the line of 5 duty on January 28, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Nyx was a seven-year-old Belgian Malinois from Belarus who completed her training in 2018 before joining the department on October 1st of that same year; she was trained in narcotics detection, evidence recovery, human tracking, and apprehension; and

11 WHEREAS, Nyx was a trailblazer in the Rockford Police 12 Department; she was the first female dog that provided these 13 services in the Rockford community; and

WHEREAS, Nyx and her partner, Officer Vargas, were dedicated to protecting and serving their community and apprehending violent offenders; Officer Vargas is left with the responsibility of carrying out their duties in her honor; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of Nyx and extend our sincere condolences

- 1 to Officer Vargas, the Rockford Police Department, and all
- 2 those who loved her; and be it further
- 3 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
- 4 presented to the Rockford Police Department and Officer Vargas
- 5 as an expression of our deepest sympathy.