



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Officer Steven Zourkas, a five-year veteran of the  
3 Niles Police Department, died April 8, 2005, in the line of  
4 duty while responding to a call; and

5 WHEREAS, He was born July 18, 1971, and joined the Niles  
6 Police Department on May 7, 2001; he was well-liked and  
7 respected by his fellow employees and his peers, and he was a  
8 hard worker who was dedicated to the police department and the  
9 work it entailed; and

10 WHEREAS, His many accolades during his career with the  
11 Niles Police Department include a Distinguished Duty Award  
12 presented on April 23, 2002, for administering CPR to a Niles  
13 resident; he was the first responder to the scene and found the  
14 victim in cardiac arrest; and

15 WHEREAS, In 2003 and 2004, Officer Zourkas received  
16 recognition from the Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists  
17 for being a lead officer in the number of DUI's written in the  
18 Village of Niles; and

19 WHEREAS, On March 22, 2005, he received a Department  
20 Commendation for an arrest he made while on patrol; he observed  
21 a suspicious vehicle parked near two tow trucks; the offender  
22 had just robbed the trucks and was responsible for another  
23 burglary being investigated by another police department; and

24 WHEREAS, Along with being trained in Breath Alcohol Testing  
25 and Unified Statewide Anti-Terrorism, Officer Zourkas was an  
26 evidence technician with the Niles Police Department and a  
27 forensic specialist with the North Regional Major Crimes Task  
28 Force; and

29 WHEREAS, He was a highly regarded police officer; in

1 addition to these highlights, there are many letters and memos  
2 from citizens and commanding officers praising his  
3 thoroughness, kindness, and good work; and

4 WHEREAS, Officer Zourkas always had a smile and was proud  
5 of his family and his job; the people who knew him, especially  
6 his friends and fellow officers on the midnight shift, will  
7 miss him; and

8 WHEREAS, He is survived by his wife, Ivy, and sons, John  
9 and Andrew; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
11 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
12 we express our deepest regret at the passing of Niles police  
13 officer Steven Zourkas and extend to his family, friends, and  
14 the Niles Police Department our most sincere condolences; and  
15 be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
17 presented to his family as an expression of our utmost  
18 sympathy.