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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of former Alton Police Chief Rudolph "Rudy" Sowders Jr., who passed away May 4, 2010; and

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WHEREAS, He was born on February 28, 1937, in Alton to Rudolph C. and Velma (Crews) Sowders Sr.; he married the former Betty Iberg on September 10, 1955, in East Alton; and

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WHEREAS, Hey retired in 1985 after 26 years service with the Alton Police Department; he served as chief of police from 1969 to 1985; after his retirement, he worked as a manager for the Pepsi Cola Distributing Co; he co-owned and operated Turn 2 Collectibles for 16 years; and

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WHEREAS, He was a member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the FBI National Academy Association, the Major Case Squad, the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police, the Southern Illinois Police Chiefs Association, the Policemen's Benevolent and Protective Association of Illinois, the Illinois Police Association, the FBI National Academy Associates of Illinois, and the Alton Nature League; he was a former member of the Rotary Club, the Lions Club, and the East End Business Association; and

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1 WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his father; and

2 WHEREAS, Rudolph Sowders Jr. is survived by his wife,
3 Betty; his mother, Velma Hutte; his daughters, Lisa Dublo and
4 her spouse, Jeff, and Donna Droste; his sons, Rick Sowders and
5 his spouse, Susan, John Sowders and his spouse, Ellen, Jerry
6 Sowders and his spouse, Donna, and Mark Sowders; his 13
7 grandchildren, David Sowders, Angela Sowders, Matt Sowders,
8 Steven Sowders, Kathy Sowders, Logan Sowders, Cole Sowders,
9 Natalie Sowders, Jeff Dublo Jr., Melissa Dublo, Michael Dublo,
10 Joshua Droste, and Bethany Droste; his two
11 great-grandchildren, Jenna Dublo and Grant Dublo; his two
12 sisters-in-law, Elaine Iberg and Shirley Bandy and her spouse,
13 Michael; his brother-in-law, James Bizailion and his spouse,
14 Nina; and his close friend, Dale Dooley; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL
16 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
17 his family and friends, the passing of Rudolph Sowders Jr.; and
18 be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to the family of Rudolph Sowders Jr. as a symbol of
21 our sincere sympathy.