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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 Illinois State Trooper Corey Steven Thompsen of rural St. Joseph, who was killed in the line of duty on October 18, 2024; and

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WHEREAS, Trooper Thompsen was born to Steve and Susan Thompsen in Urbana on August 28, 1996; he was raised in St. Joseph, graduating from St. Joseph-Ogden High School in 2014, where he was a four-year letter winner in cross country and track; he graduated from the criminal justice program at Danville Area Community College and then attended Western Illinois University, running cross country at both institutions; he earned his Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from Indiana State University in 2018; he married Chelsea Blaase in Tennessee on June 2, 2024; and

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WHEREAS, Trooper Thompsen began his career in law enforcement after graduating from the Southwestern Police Academy as part of Session 137, and he initially worked with the Vermilion County Metropolitan Enforcement Group (VMEG); he then attended the Illinois State Police Academy as a member of Cadet Class 130 from 2019 to 2020; he was assigned to Illinois State Police District 10 in Pesotum; he joined the Illinois State Police Motorcycle Enforcement Bureau in 2022; he was

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1 assigned to Central Special Operations Group (SOG) Fatal 4
2 Team in 2023, serving Troop 7; and

3 WHEREAS, Trooper Thompsen was proud of serving the
4 Illinois State Police; he was especially proud of being part
5 of the motor unit, viewing his colleagues as a second family
6 and a tight-knit group of friends; during his service, he
7 participated in several escort details across the State that
8 included the president, the vice president, memorial services,
9 and charity bike rides; and

10 WHEREAS, Trooper Thompsen was a member of the Fraternal
11 Order of Police (FOP) Troopers Lodge 41, the Alpha Phi Sigma
12 national criminal justice society, and the Phi Theta Kappa
13 honor society; and

14 WHEREAS, Outside of his work, Trooper Thompsen loved
15 vehicles, and he was particular about those he owned and took
16 meticulous care of them; he loved attending family gatherings,
17 and his favorite family activities involved teasing and joking
18 with family members; and

19 WHEREAS, Trooper Thompsen was a family man who was always
20 there when anyone needed him, a respected member of the
21 Illinois State Police, and a friend to many; and

1 WHEREAS, Trooper Thompsen is survived by his wife,
2 Chelsea; his parents; his brothers, Ryan and Mitchell; his
3 parents-in-law, Doug and Nanci Blaase; his brother-in-law,
4 Drew Blaase; his maternal grandparents, Joseph and Barbara
5 Peters; his paternal grandparents, John and Donna Thompsen; a
6 host of extended family members, aunts, uncles, and cousins;
7 and his German shepherds, Garmin and Grimm; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL
9 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
10 Illinois State Trooper Corey Steven Thompsen and extend our
11 sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew
12 and loved him; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to the family of Trooper Thompsen as an expression
15 of our deepest sympathy.