

1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened
3 to learn of the death of Charles R. "Chuck" Schofield of
4 Bartonville, who passed away June 9, 2002; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Schofield was born August 22, 1939, in
6 Peoria to Charles E. and Margaret J. Thornton Schofield; he
7 married Bonnie L. Payne on April 8, 1961, in East Peoria; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Schofield was elected Peoria County sheriff
9 in 1994 and reelected in 1998; he was set to run unopposed
10 for a third term this year; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Schofield began his career as a jail officer
12 with the Peoria County Sheriff's Department in March 1972; he
13 later became a deputy, working patrol until he was appointed
14 to the detectives division; he was promoted to sergeant, then
15 lieutenant; Mr. Schofield served as the work-release
16 coordinator, with later assignments to supervise the
17 detectives division and the juvenile, crime scene, and
18 records departments; and

19 WHEREAS, In 1983, Mr. Schofield became interim director
20 of the Multi-County Narcotics Enforcement Group, directing
21 the undercover drug buying operations of up to 15 agents in
22 six counties; in June 1983, he was named director of the
23 Multijurisdictional Enforcement Group (MEG), serving until he
24 retired from the sheriff's department in 1991; and

25 WHEREAS, Mr. Schofield then worked for the State
26 Department of Public Aid as chief of the division of
27 investigations; in 1993, he transferred to the Illinois River
28 Valley Correctional Center in Canton, where he was
29 administrative assistant to the warden; and

30 WHEREAS, A graduate of Illinois Central College with a
31 degree in police science, he attended the Police Training

1 Institute at the University of Illinois and numerous
2 departmental classes; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Schofield was a member of the American
4 Correctional Association, the American Jail Association, the
5 Illinois and National Associations of Chiefs of Police, the
6 Illinois Sheriffs Association, the Peoria and Tazewell County
7 Associations of Chiefs of Police, and the International
8 Narcotic Officers Association; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Schofield was a Marine Corps veteran with
10 the rank of corporal; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Schofield was a Mason and a member of the
12 South-West Kiwanis, Bradley Chiefs Club, the Illinois
13 Auctioneer Association, and the American Quarter Horse
14 Association; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Schofield served on the Central Illinois
16 Police Training Board, Mobile Training Unit; he served on the
17 Domestic Violence Protocol 10th Judicial Circuit Board, the
18 Easter Seal Advisory Board, the Emergency 9-1-1 Board, the
19 Governor's Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Council, the
20 Illinois Central College Peoria Campus Advisory Committee,
21 the Illinois State Police Regional Laboratory Advisory Board,
22 the Juvenile Justice Council, the Peoria Alternative Charter
23 School Board, the Peoria SAFE KIDS Coalition, the Peoria
24 County/City TRIAD Board, the Peoria County Visitation Center
25 Steering Committee, the Youth Farm Board, the Center for
26 Prevention of Abuse Leadership Council, and the Illinois MEG
27 Directors Association; he also served as chairman of the MEG
28 Board; and

29 WHEREAS, Mr. Schofield's awards include the U.S.
30 Department of Justice Public Service Award, the Glasford
31 Optimist Deputy of the Year, the Illinois State Police
32 Narcotic Enforcement Award, the Harold Brignadello Award from

1 the Peoria County Association of Chiefs of Police, and the
2 2001 Outstanding Service Award from Lions International; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Schofield will be deeply missed by all those
4 who knew him and loved him, especially his wife, Bonnie; his
5 daughter, Shelly (Michael) Gobert; his granddaughter; his
6 mother and stepfather, Margaret and Joe Rank; his brother,
7 Richard (Debbie); and his stepsister, Carol Jo (Tom) Hazlett;
8 therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL
10 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
11 his family and friends, the passing of Charles R. "Chuck"
12 Schofield; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to the family of Charles "Chuck" Schofield with our
15 sincere condolences.