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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to recognize and appreciate the heroism
4 which took place the morning of March 16, 2017 by Highland
5 FIRE-EMS Paramedic Todd Zobrist, Paramedic Ty Barr, Highland
6 Police Department Sergeant Aric Steinbeck, Officer Shawn
7 Bland, Officer Heather Kunz, Officer Chris Clewis, and
8 Telecommunicator Greg Stoff; and

9 WHEREAS, At 5:30 a.m., Todd Zobrist and Ty Barr had already
10 worked nearly a 24-hour shift when they responded to an
11 emergency at Silver Lake, where an SUV was partially submerged;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, When Todd Zobrist and Ty Barr arrived at Silver
14 Lake, they could still see the headlights from the SUV beaming
15 through the cold water; and

16 WHEREAS, They knew they must act fast knowing that
17 firefighters with a boat and special diving gear were stuck at
18 a railroad crossing; and

19 WHEREAS, Todd Zobrist swam 75 feet in life-threatening 46
20 degree water, where he found an infant boy floating inside the
21 SUV; and

1 WHEREAS, Todd Zobrist performed CPR on the baby boy while
2 on the roof of the SUV; the baby boy began to breathe on his
3 own; and

4 WHEREAS, After about seven minutes since arriving on the
5 scene, in dark, cold conditions, Todd Zobrist brought the
6 infant back to shore safely; and

7 WHEREAS, Officer Shawn Bland assisted paramedics to get the
8 baby and the now hypothermic paramedic, Todd Zobrist, into the
9 ambulance to be rushed to the hospital; and

10 WHEREAS, Officer Heather Kunz provided resuscitation
11 efforts and warming to the baby in the ambulance; and

12 WHEREAS, Officer Chris Clewis drove the ambulance to the
13 hospital so that paramedic Ty Barr could care for the baby and
14 his partner, Todd Zobrist; and

15 WHEREAS, Police Sergeant Aric Steinbeck kept the emergency
16 scene under control and handled important communications while
17 others were occupied; and

18 WHEREAS, Telecommunicator Greg Stoff received the 911 call
19 and dispatched all appropriate resources to the emergency

1 rescue; without him, nothing moves; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
3 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
4 recognize and show our sincere gratitude for the heroic actions
5 taken by Highland FIRE-EMS paramedics Todd Zobrist and Ty Barr,
6 and Highland Police Officers Sergeant Aric Steinbeck, Officer
7 Shawn Bland, Officer Heather Kunz, Officer Chris Clewis, and
8 Telecommunicator Greg Stoff; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
10 presented to Paramedic Todd Zobrist, Paramedic Ty Barr,
11 Sergeant Aric Steinbeck, Officer Shawn Bland, Officer Heather
12 Kunz, Officer Chris Clewis, and Telecommunicator Greg Stoff as
13 a symbol of our admiration and respect.