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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate Peru Firefighters, Lieutenant Neil Nadolski, Ben Bentley, and Alex Duncan, who received the Firefighter Excellence Award from the Office of the State Fire Marshall for their heroism during an incident occurring on September 29, 2017; and

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WHEREAS, On September 29, 2017, the Peru Fire Department received a call to aid the LaSalle Fire Department with a house fire and were informed that an individual was trapped in the home; and

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WHEREAS, Lieutenant Neil Nadolski, Ben Bentley, Alex Duncan, and a LaSalle firefighter entered the home to rescue the individual and were met with zero visibility and smoke banking the door; due to the conditions in the home and the presence of numerous cats, they could not immediately locate the victim; and

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WHEREAS, These four brave first responders continued to call out to the victim, but due to the yowling of the cats and the roaring fire, they could not hear the woman; they persisted in their search for her; and

1 WHEREAS, The fire soon consumed the doorway that was their
2 only exit from the house, and the heat and the smoke
3 intensified; the firefighters persisted in their search and
4 found the victim unresponsive in her recliner; and

5 WHEREAS, The firefighters removed the victim from the house
6 through a nearby window, and because of their bravery and quick
7 response, the woman survived for two weeks before succumbing to
8 exposure from the fire; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
10 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
11 congratulate Lieutenant Neil Nadolski, Ben Bentley, and Alex
12 Duncan for receiving the Firefighter Excellence Award, and we
13 commend the bravery of the LaSalle and Peru firefighters in
14 extinguishing the house fire on September 29, 2017; and be it
15 further

16 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
17 presented to Lieutenant Neil Nadolski, Ben Bentley, Alex
18 Duncan, Peru Fire Chief Jeff King, and LaSalle Fire Chief Andy
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