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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois are pleased to recognize and honor a person who, through his quick response in an emergency situation, was successful in saving the life of another; and

WHEREAS, It has come to our attention that on Tuesday, March 2, 2004 the actions of Tom Rutecki of Lockport resulted in the life of Rosetta Wiedemann being spared; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Wiedemann was crossing the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway tracks on the east side of Main Street in Downers Grove just after 2:30 p.m. when a wheel of her scooter got caught in the tracks; she got off of her scooter and tried to move it, to no avail; and

WHEREAS, Lights flashed, bells sounded, and the crossing gates dropped as Amtrak's Southwest Chief approached at 70 miles per hour, heading toward Chicago; by the time the engineer saw Ms. Wiedemann, it was too late to stop; and

WHEREAS, Tom Rutecki was waiting for a different train, saw the accident about to occur, ran to Ms. Wiedemann, and pulled her from the tracks to safety; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we honor Tom Rutecki for the courage he showed, the dedication to help a fellow human, and the quick thinking and action that he displayed in saving the life of Rosetta Wiedemann; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Mr. Rutecki as an expression of our respect and esteem for the heroism he demonstrated on Tuesday, March 2,

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