



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the
3 State of Illinois take great pride in and express gratitude to
4 those citizens who assume great personal risk to protect the
5 lives and well-being of other citizens; and

6 WHEREAS, On December 24, 2004, Deputy Jason Brown came upon
7 a traffic accident while on his way home to Blue Mound; a sport
8 utility vehicle had left the highway and hit an embankment,
9 killing one passenger and leaving another trapped inside; and

10 WHEREAS, As fire flared in the engine compartment, Deputy
11 Brown and another passenger pulled John Gehrken of Decatur from
12 the rear seat through a broken window; moments later, the
13 entire vehicle was engulfed in flames; and

14 WHEREAS, For his heroic efforts on the scene, he was
15 selected as one of 13 recipients of the Law Enforcement Medal
16 of Honor; the medal is bestowed on officers who have
17 "distinguished themselves by gallantry and intrepidity at the
18 risk of their lives above and beyond the call of duty"; and

19 WHEREAS, Deputy Brown has worked at the Macon County
20 Sheriff's Office for several years; he was one of several
21 officers laid off when the county came on hard times, paid his
22 own way through the Illinois State Police Academy, and was
23 hired as soon as he graduated; he is known for his keen
24 investigation skills and his sense for finding people;
25 therefore, be it

26 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
27 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
28 we commend and applaud Deputy Jason Brown for his brave service
29 to Macon County, and we congratulate him on being a recipient
30 of the Law Enforcement Medal of Honor; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to him as an expression of our respect and esteem.