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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to honor the Franklin Park Fire  
4 Department firefighters who are being honored with medals of  
5 honor at the Illinois Firefighters Memorial at the Illinois  
6 State Capitol in Springfield; and

7           WHEREAS, On September 8, 2006 at 0700 hours the Schiller  
8 Park Fire Department responded to a fire in an apartment  
9 building; upon arrival smoke was showing and a fire was located  
10 in a first floor apartment; Franklin Park Ladder Co. 2,  
11 consisting of Lieutenant Jack Berry, Lieutenant Tim Monroe,  
12 Firefighter Garry Ligmanowski, and Firefighter Douglas  
13 Halverson, was assigned to search the 3rd floor apartment in  
14 the rear after a report that a child could still be in an  
15 apartment; with a smoke condition present from the fire on the  
16 lower floor, the crew from Ladder Co. 2 broke up into two  
17 groups with Lieutenant Berry and Firefighter Ligmanowski  
18 ventilating hallway windows and searching one apartment and  
19 Lieutenant Monroe and Firefighter Halverson checking the other  
20 apartment; Lieutenant Monroe and Firefighter Halverson found a  
21 young girl who was located hiding in a closet in a smoke filled  
22 apartment; both crews assisted the young girl down the stairs  
23 and gave her to Paramedics from Schiller Park so she could be  
24 given medical treatment; and

1           WHEREAS, On July 21, 2006 the Hillside Fire Department  
2 responded to a house fire; upon arrival they discovered a fire  
3 in a private dwelling; Chief Traiforos from the Franklin Park  
4 Fire Department was dispatched to the fire in Hillside as the  
5 Incident Safety Officer; when Chief Traiforos arrived on the  
6 scene he was assigned to supervise the rear of the fire; with  
7 the fire spreading the alarm escalated and Franklin Park Ladder  
8 Co. 2 was dispatched on the 3rd alarm; the crew consisted of  
9 Acting Officer Daniel Fidonik, Firefighter Garry Ligmanowski,  
10 and Firefighter Douglas Halverson; and

11           WHEREAS, On arrival Ladder Co. 2 was assigned to report to  
12 the rear of the fire building working under the supervision of  
13 Chief Traiforos; while attempting to remove a door located in  
14 the rear of the house, a Firefighter from River Grove fell  
15 through the floor and into the burning basement; Firefighter  
16 Fidonik notified Chief Traiforos of the situation and Chief  
17 Traiforos declared a "MAYDAY" for a Firefighter down; members  
18 of Franklin Park Ladder Co.2 assisted by members of River Grove  
19 Engine 565, consisting of Lieutenant Jason Lambert, Lieutenant  
20 Rich Savoia, Firefighter Brian Clarke, and Bellwood  
21 Firefighter Chris LaValley, went to the aid of the fallen  
22 firefighter; the fire escalated to another alarm and a Rapid  
23 Intervention Team (RIT) from Elmhurst responded to also aid the  
24 downed Firefighter; and

1           WHEREAS, Thanks to training and experience, the  
2 firefighters were able to assist the downed firefighter and he  
3 was rescued within a minute; and

4           WHEREAS, Lieutenant Timothy Moore, Firefighter Daniel  
5 Fidonik, Firefighter Douglas Halverson, Firefighter Garry  
6 Ligmanowski, and Lieutenant Jack Berry will be awarded medals  
7 of honor for their bravery and dedication; therefore, be it

8           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
9 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
10 congratulate these brave men and wish them continued safety and  
11 the watchful eyes of their fellow firefighters as they continue  
12 to serve their communities; and be it further

13           RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
14 presented to Lieutenant Timothy Moore, Firefighter Daniel  
15 Fidonik, Firefighter Douglas Halverson, Firefighter Garry  
16 Ligmanowski, and Lieutenant Jack Berry as symbols of our  
17 respect.