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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are pleased to congratulate Joliet Police Officer James Schnura for receiving the Officer of the Year Award from the Exchange Club of Joliet; and

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WHEREAS, On April 11, 2008, Officer Schnura responded to a domestic disturbance call; the suspect had left the scene so Officer Schnura began working on his report after moving his squad car down the street to keep a watch over the victim's residence; and

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WHEREAS, During the completion of his report and as Officer Schnura received a dispatch that the suspect had returned, he noticed the suspect chasing the victim down the street with a knife in his hand; and

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WHEREAS, Officer Schnura left his car, drew his gun, and gave commands to the suspect in both English and Spanish to drop the knife; without acknowledgement of his commands by the suspect, Officer Schnura repeated his commands to drop the knife at least four more times; and

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WHEREAS, Believing that the suspect was going to kill the victim as he moved the knife across her throat while crouching

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1 on the ground behind her, Officer Schnura fired one round at  
2 the suspect, striking him; and

3 WHEREAS, Though wounded, the suspect retained the knife and  
4 prepared to drive the knife into the victim's neck; again  
5 fearing for the victim's life, Officer Schnura fired two more  
6 shots, mortally wounding the suspect and freeing the victim  
7 from the vicious attack; and

8 WHEREAS, The victim was later interviewed and told  
9 detectives that she believed she would have died if not for the  
10 intervention of Officer Schnura; and

11 WHEREAS, The Exchange Club of Joliet selected Officer  
12 Schnura for his bravery and protection of the community;  
13 therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
15 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
16 congratulate Officer James Schnura and wish him the best for  
17 the future; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
19 presented to Joliet Police Officer James Schnura as a symbol of  
20 our respect and esteem.