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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to commend Carl Painter of Lake
4 Villa on the occasion of the courage and bravery he exhibited
5 when he saved the life of an elderly woman on May 21, 2009; and

6 WHEREAS, Carl Painter has been an employee of the Lake
7 County Housing Authority for 18 years; he works as a
8 maintenance supervisor at the Beach Haven Towers senior living
9 center in Round Lake Beach; and

10 WHEREAS, On May 21, 2009, Carl Painter responded to a fire
11 alarm at Beach Haven Towers; upon arrival, he found an elderly
12 resident's second-story apartment on fire and the woman lying
13 on the floor after slipping and falling; and

14 WHEREAS, At great peril to himself, Carl Painter rescued
15 the elderly woman from the burning apartment, then returned to
16 put out the fire with a fire extinguisher; despite his best
17 efforts, he was unable to extinguish the fire completely before
18 being overcome by smoke; upon finding Mr. Painter, arriving
19 firefighters assisted him down the steps; he was then taken to
20 Condell Hospital's intensive care unit, where he was put on a
21 ventilator; and

1 WHEREAS, As a result of smoke inhalation, carbon monoxide
2 poisoning, and cyanide poisoning, Carl Painter eventually went
3 into a coma for 3 days; doctors were unsure if Mr. Painter
4 would survive from his extensive injuries; fortunately, with
5 his family at his side, Mr. Painter regained consciousness and
6 has since made a full recovery; and

7 WHEREAS, Carl Painter has been honored for his heroism by
8 the Village of Round Lake Beach and the residents of Beach
9 Haven Towers with plaques; in addition, the Lake County Housing
10 Authority gave Mr. Painter a certificate and named him
11 "employee of the month"; and

12 WHEREAS, The members of the body, Carl Painter's family and
13 friends, the residents of Beach Haven Towers, and Mr. Painter's
14 community are all proud of the exceptional heroism Mr. Painter
15 exhibited in saving another person's life at great risk of
16 losing his own; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
18 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
19 commend Carl Painter on the occasion of his courageous act and
20 wish him great success and happiness in the future; and be it
21 further

22 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to Carl Painter as a symbol of our esteem and
2 respect.