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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Brian  
4 Colin Carey of Evergreen Park, who was killed in the line of  
5 duty on March 30, 2010; and

6           WHEREAS, Brian Carey graduated from Brother Rice High  
7 School in 1999; he then attended Loras College in Dubuque,  
8 Iowa, where he earned his bachelor's degree in journalism in  
9 2003; and

10           WHEREAS, Brian Carey had dreamed of being a fireman since  
11 he was a little boy; he started his fire service career at the  
12 Roberts Park Fire Protection District in March of 2007; he  
13 became certified as a Firefighter II in November of 2007; he  
14 joined the Homewood Fire Department as a part-time  
15 firefighter/paramedic on August 20, 2008; he was hired as a  
16 full-time firefighter/paramedic on December 13, 2009; he was  
17 also certified in Technical Rescue Awareness, Hazmat  
18 Awareness, and Hazmat Technician and had National Incident  
19 Management System 100 200 & 700 certifications; and

20           WHEREAS, Brian Carey enjoyed reading, traveling, and  
21 watching shows on the Discovery Channel; he was affectionately  
22 known as "Boo" to his family and friends; and

1           WHEREAS, On March 30, 2010, the Homewood Fire Department  
2 was dispatched to a report of a structure fire at a  
3 single-family residence in Homewood; the first-arriving fire  
4 crews found a house with visible smoke and flames and were  
5 advised that at least one occupant remained inside the  
6 structure; Brian Carey was the first to enter the burning  
7 house; during the rescue attempt, Brian and his colleague,  
8 Karra Kopas, were injured; Brian succumbed to his injuries and  
9 passed away while at the hospital; and

10           WHEREAS, The courage and bravery of Brian Carey has been  
11 commemorated in other parts of the world; the Dublin, Ireland  
12 Fire Brigade paid a tribute to Brian with the presentation of a  
13 bronze statue emblematic of his heroism on April 28, 2010; and

14           WHEREAS, Brian Carey is survived by his parents, Brian and  
15 Kathleen; his sisters, Margaret and Annie; and his brother,  
16 Kevin; 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 mourn, along with his family and friends, the passing of Brian  
20 Colin Carey; and be it further

21           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the family of Brian Carey as an expression of our  
2 sympathy.