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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Firefighter Robert
4 Mansfield of the Chicago Fire Department on receiving the 2010
5 Firehouse Heroism award; and

6 WHEREAS, He, along with fellow Firefighter Chris Reischl,
7 helped save a man from a burning structure early New Year's Day
8 in 2010; in honor of their efforts, both men have been
9 recognized as recipients of the 2010 Firehouse Heroism awards;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, The call came in to the fire department at
12 approximately 1:30 a.m. on January 1; arriving crews found the
13 two-story building on North Milwaukee in Chicago with fire
14 coming from the front and rear winds; the two firefighters made
15 their way to the rear of the building where a police officer
16 told them a man was trapped inside; and

17 WHEREAS, They entered the structure and were met by heavy
18 smoke and zero visibility; once to the top, they were forced to
19 work quickly as the fire continued to spread; to make things
20 worse, Engine 91 encountered two frozen hydrants and was unable
21 to get water to the fire; Firefighter Mansfield attempted to
22 pry a stuck door open; his initial thought was that a dresser

1 was blocking the door so he removed the hinges and kicked it
2 in; and

3 WHEREAS, At that point, the door fell on top of the man on
4 the other side; at that point the firefighters began to hear
5 water spraying into the structure and they were able to move
6 the man down to safety; the door may have shielded the man from
7 the smoke; and

8 WHEREAS, Firefighter Robert Mansfield showed true
9 dedication and courage in the face of danger; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
11 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
12 we congratulate Firefighter Robert Mansfield on receiving the
13 2010 Firehouse Heroism award, thank him for his service to the
14 people of Chicago, and wish him continued good health and
15 happiness for years to come; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to Firefighter Robert Mansfield as a symbol of our
18 respect and esteem.