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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 Chicago
4 Firefighter Chris Reischl, who passed away from cancer on May
5 4, 2011; and

6 WHEREAS, He, along with fellow Firefighter Robert
7 Mansfield, helped save a man from a burning structure early New
8 Year's Day in 2010; in honor of their efforts, both men were
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, 2010; arriving crews
13 found the two-story building on North Milwaukee in Chicago with
14 fire coming from the front and rear windows; the two
15 firefighters made their way to the rear of the building where a
16 police officer 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 Chris Reischl showed true dedication
9 and courage in the face of danger; we honor him for his
10 bravery; and we honor his family in their time of loss;
11 therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
13 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
14 we mourn the passing of Firefighter Chris Reischl and thank him
15 posthumously for his service to the people of Chicago; and be
16 it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to the family of Firefighter Chris Reischl as a
19 symbol of our sincere sympathy.