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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Lieutenant/EMT
4 Robert Beuse and Firefighter/Paramedic Tommy Thomson of the
5 Franklin Park Fire Department on the occasion of being awarded
6 the Medal of Valor Award by the Office of the Illinois State
7 Fire Marshal; and

8 WHEREAS, The Medal of Valor award is given by the Illinois
9 State Fire Marshal to a firefighter for an act of heroism or
10 bravery that clearly demonstrated courage and dedication in the
11 face of danger while in the performance of duty; and

12 WHEREAS, Robert Beuse followed in his father's footsteps
13 and became a firefighter on February 14, 1983, at the age of
14 22; he has 3 children, Robert Beuse III, Melissa Beuse, and
15 Brandon Beuse, and one granddaughter, Katlyn; and

16 WHEREAS, Tommy Thomson is a lifelong resident of Franklin
17 Park; he graduated from East Leyden High School in 1985; from
18 August of 1986 to May of 1995, he served as a combat medic with
19 the United States Army and was honorably discharged at the rank
20 of sergeant; he has served in the fire service for a total of
21 16 years and has been a member of the Franklin Park Fire
22 Department for 12 years; he has also been a certified paramedic

1 for 8 years; his father was a member of the Franklin Park Fire
2 Department for 39 years; he and his wife, Anita, have 3
3 children; and

4 WHEREAS, On April 27, 2011, Robert Beuse and Tommy Thomson
5 were driving northbound on Rose Street in Franklin Park, when
6 they noticed what appeared to be smoke coming from behind a
7 12-unit multifamily building at 3826 N. Rose Street; even
8 though the building was outside of the Franklin Park city
9 limits, they continued in to investigate; upon arrival, they
10 found heavy smoke and fire coming from a garden apartment
11 window; after reporting the fire and donning their gear, they
12 began alerting and evacuating the residents of the building;
13 while the evacuation was in progress, a tenant stated that they
14 heard someone yelling for help; Lt. Beuse and FFPM Thomson
15 forced entry into the apartment and rescued a resident who was
16 wrapped in a blanket and lying on the living room floor; after
17 carrying the victim from the garden apartment to the outside,
18 the victim was then transported to the local hospital, where he
19 was later released; all the residents were also accounted for
20 once the fire was extinguished; and

21 WHEREAS, Robert Beuse and Tommy Thomson will receive their
22 Medals of Valor during the 19th Annual Illinois Fallen
23 Firefighter Memorial and Firefighter Medal of Honor Awards
24 Ceremony on May 10, 2012 in Springfield; and

1 WHEREAS, Robert Beuse and Tommy Thomson serve as models of
2 hard work, integrity, and dedication for the people of the
3 State of Illinois; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
5 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
6 we congratulate Lieutenant/EMT Robert Beuse and
7 Firefighter/Paramedic Tommy Thomson on the occasion of being
8 awarded the Medal of Valor and wish them continued success and
9 happiness in the future; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
11 presented to Robert Beuse and Tommy Thomson as a symbol of our
12 esteem and respect.