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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to commend Freeport Police Department
4 Patrolman Donald B. Heath on his heroic actions in responding
5 to a house fire on May 21, 2014 and congratulate him on his
6 nomination for the Lifesaving and Rescue Award; and

7 WHEREAS, On May 5, 2014 at 12:55pm, Officer Heath responded
8 to a house fire call; when he arrived on scene, he heard
9 yelling coming from the back of the residence; he went to the
10 back and determined that a woman was inside of the burning
11 residence, and she could not get out on her own due to being
12 physically disabled; and

13 WHEREAS, Officer Heath scaled a locked fence and made his
14 way to the back door of the burning house; he opened the back
15 door and located the trapped woman lying on the floor; he
16 carried her outside but could not get away from the house
17 because of a locked fence gate; he stayed with her until
18 Freeport Firefighter Lowery forced the locked gate open; and

19 WHEREAS, Firefighter Lowery stated that the victim's
20 oxygen level was down to 60 when she was pulled out of the
21 house by Officer Heath, and that her life was likely saved by
22 the quick actions of Officer Heath; and

1 WHEREAS, Officer Heath started with the Freeport Police
2 Department on September 5, 1995; he has served with the Patrol
3 Division his entire career, and, from February 5, 1999 to March
4 8, 2006, also served as a Field Training Officer; he graduated
5 from Western Illinois University with a bachelor degree in Law
6 Enforcement; and

7 WHEREAS, Officer Heath has received numerous commendations
8 and awards during his years of service and always comes to work
9 and does his job while maintaining an upbeat disposition
10 throughout; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
12 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
13 we commend Freeport Police Department Patrolman Donald B. Heath
14 on his heroic actions in responding to a house fire on May 21,
15 2014 and congratulate him on his nomination for the Lifesaving
16 and Rescue Award; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to Officer Heath as an expression of our esteem and
19 respect.