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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate Mr. Eduardo Suarez, Ms. Monica DeNaut, Western Springs Police Department Sergeant John Piest, and Western Springs Police Department Officer Ryan Postal for their acts of heroism under adverse conditions in order to save a life, with full knowledge of the risk involved; and

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WHEREAS, On December 22, 2014 at 5:17 P.M., the Western Springs Police Department received a 911 call regarding a vehicle that was stuck on the Burlington Northern Santa Fe railroad tracks after the woman driving turned onto them while driving south on Wolf Road; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Eduardo Suarez, a Western Springs resident, watched as the disoriented woman drove onto the tracks; he could see the light of an approaching train, so he raced to the side of the woman's car to help; and

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WHEREAS, The woman on the tracks told Mr. Eduardo Suarez that she could not walk without her walker; he immediately pulled the woman from the vehicle and began dragging her off the tracks; and

1 WHEREAS, Ms. Monica DeNaut was passing by the scene after
2 picking up her toddlers from day care; she called 911 and then
3 ran to help Mr. Eduardo Suarez pull the driver to safety; and

4 WHEREAS, Officer Ryan Postal and Sergeant John Piest
5 quickly responded to the scene; when they arrived, Sergeant
6 John Piest called for all railroad traffic to be stopped and
7 Officer Ryan Postal retrieved a blanket from his squad car and
8 placed it over the driver just as a westbound train was
9 approaching their location at a high rate of speed; the
10 officers placed themselves between the tracks and the driver in
11 order to shield her from flying debris; and

12 WHEREAS, Sergeant John Piest called Metra to try to stop
13 the train, but the train still hit the driver's side door of
14 the car at approximately 5:20 P.M. before it stopped; and

15 WHEREAS, The driver was then transported to the hospital as
16 a precaution and the 4 heroes were not injured; and

17 WHEREAS, Awards have been presented to all 4 citizens for
18 their courageous actions; the Lifesaving Award was presented to
19 both Mr. Eduardo Suarez and Ms. Monica DeNaut and the Medal of
20 Valor was presented to Sergeant John Piest and Officer Ryan
21 Postal; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
2 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
3 commend and applaud the swift action of Mr. Eduardo Suarez and
4 Ms. Monica DeNaut, who acted without hesitation and with
5 disregard for their own personal safety, and the great bravery
6 of Sergeant John Piest and Officer Ryan Postal, who operated
7 with the full knowledge of the risk involved to their personal
8 safety; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
10 presented to Mr. Eduardo Suarez, Ms. Monica DeNaut, Sergeant
11 John Piest, and Officer Ryan Postal.