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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to commend Kenneth Hobson for his quick  
4 thinking and heroic actions that firefighters believe saved his  
5 family from perishing in a house fire; and

6           WHEREAS, Kenneth Hobson is a second grader at Raymond Grade  
7 School; during fire prevention week training, provided by his  
8 school and members of the Raymond-Harvel Fire Department,  
9 Kenneth listened very carefully and retained valuable  
10 information; and

11           WHEREAS, On December 11, 2015, Kenneth Hobson awoke and saw  
12 a fire burning in the bedroom he shared with his little  
13 brother; he quickly awoke 4 year-old Cadien and exited the  
14 room, remembering to shut the door behind him; he then went and  
15 woke the rest of the family and they all safely escaped to a  
16 neighboring home; and

17           WHEREAS, The simple act of shutting the door to the room  
18 contained the fire to that specific room and prevented the fire  
19 from spreading rapidly to the rest of the house; closing the  
20 door to the room also bought Kenneth Hobson time to get the  
21 rest of the family out of the burning house; and

1           WHEREAS, If the door had not been shut, firefighters  
2 believe that some of Kenneth Hobson's family members may have  
3 lost their lives in the blaze; and

4           WHEREAS, The fire department responded to the call at 5:01  
5 A.M.; while other parts of the home were damaged by heat,  
6 water, and smoke, the front bedroom and the attic sustained the  
7 majority of the fire damage; and

8           WHEREAS, When Kenneth Hobson is not busy saving lives, he  
9 enjoys playing soccer, baseball, fishing, and camping; he is  
10 also a huge St. Louis Cardinals fan; and

11           WHEREAS, Kenneth Hobson's quick thinking and heroic  
12 actions during an emergency are a huge factor in his entire  
13 family surviving what could have been a tragic event;  
14 therefore, be it

15           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
16 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
17 honor and thank Kenneth Hobson for his heroic actions and wish  
18 him the best in the future; and be it further

19           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
20 presented to Kenneth Hobson as a symbol of our great respect  
21 and esteem.