

## 1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are honored to recognize the heroic efforts  
4 on behalf of firefighters of Truck 32, Engine 109, Engine 23,  
5 and Squad 1; and

6 WHEREAS, On March 22, 2002, firefighters responded to an  
7 emergency call for 2442 W. 25th Street located in the Little  
8 Village neighborhood in Chicago, Illinois; and

9 WHEREAS, Firefighters of Truck 32, Engine 109, Engine 23,  
10 and Squad 1 were at the scene without hesitation, putting  
11 their lives on the line; and

12 WHEREAS, The fire was anything but routine, being that  
13 challenges such as the weather, frozen fire hydrants, and the  
14 threat of building collapse were present; and

15 WHEREAS, Heroic efforts of Firefighters at the scene,  
16 such as Lt. Christopher Loper, Firefighter Roberto Herrera  
17 from Truck 32, Engineer Michael Vanek, and Firefighter/EMT  
18 Julio Mendoza from Engine 109, are appreciated and respected;  
19 and

20 WHEREAS, Firefighters become injured in the line of duty,  
21 such as Firefighter Patrick Craven, Firefighter/EMT Steve  
22 Dospoy from Truck 32, Lt. George MaAyteh, Firefighter David  
23 Havanec, Firefighter/EMT Edward Negrón from Engine 109,  
24 Lt./EMT Richard Kofski from Engine 23 and Firefighter Patrick  
25 McCauley from Squad 1; and

26 WHEREAS, Firefighters rescued three children who were in  
27 the same bed in a second-floor bedroom and two adults who  
28 climbed to the roof of the building to escape the flames; and

29 WHEREAS, At times, despite the heroic efforts on behalf  
30 of firefighters, the outcome is not as favorable as we wish

1 it to be; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
3 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
4 we honor the bravery and selflessness of these firefighters  
5 who, with courage, conviction, and skill, gave a great effort  
6 to save the lives of the children of 2442 W. 25th; and be it  
7 further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
9 presented to the appropriate parties as a token of our  
10 esteem, respect, and sincere appreciation for their  
11 proficiency and bravery that was demonstrated that day.