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Illinois 2 WHEREAS, The members of the House of 3 Representatives wish to congratulate Captain Clay Childers of 4 the Metropolis Fire Department on the occasion of being 5 awarded the 2024 Medal of Valor by the Office of the State Fire 6 Marshal; and

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

WHEREAS, On October 23, 2023, Capt. Childers entered the home of a Metropolis resident while the structure was on fire; upon entering the structure, he discovered a person suffering from smoke inhalation and proceeded to carry the victim to safety, saving her life in the process; and

WHEREAS, For more than two decades, Capt. Childers has consistently demonstrated his unwavering commitment to protecting the lives and property of the citizens of Illinois, placing himself in harm's way to ensure the safety of others while displaying remarkable bravery and heroism; and

21 WHEREAS, Capt. Childers' dedication to serving the

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- 1 community, combined with his quick thinking and decisive
- 2 actions, has undoubtedly saved countless lives and prevented
- 3 untold property damage; and
- WHEREAS, Capt. Childers serves as a shining example of the
- 5 bravery, professionalism, and heroism that define the
- 6 firefighting profession; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Capt. Childers will be honored at the 31st Annual
- 8 Illinois Fallen Firefighter Memorial & Firefighting Medal of
- 9 Honor Awards Ceremony on May 14, 2024; therefore, be it
- 10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
- 11 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
- 12 we congratulate Captain Clay Childers of the Metropolis Fire
- Department on receiving the 2024 Medal of Valor award by the
- Office of the State Fire Marshal; and be it further
- 15 RESOLVED, That we commend him for his unwavering
- 16 dedication to public service and for his outstanding
- 17 contributions to the safety and well-being of the citizens of
- 18 Illinois; and be it further
- 19 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
- 20 presented to Capt. Childers and the Metropolis Fire Department
- as an expression of our sincere admiration and gratitude.