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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois are pleased to congratulate Brandon "Shane" Emrich, a Mt. Vernon fire fighter, on saving the life of a citizen; and

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WHEREAS, On March 10, 2003, the rescued person swallowed 92 valium pills; he had been fighting Parkinson's disease, a degenerative disorder that left him in a wheelchair; after a friend called the department, Mr. Emrich was sent to find him; he was successful in offering the assistance necessary to save the person's life, and subsequently, that person's life improved; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Emrich began his career with 5 years as a volunteer for McLeansboro's fire department, starting in 1993; in 1998, he graduated from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale and became chief coordinator of Hamilton County Emergency Services and Disaster Agency; in 2001, he was hired at Mt. Vernon's fire department; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Emrich is described as an excellent fire fighter who is conscientious and pulls no punches; therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate Brandon "Shane" Emrich, a Mt. Vernon fire fighter, on saving the life of a person in distress, and we thank him for being a true hero; and be it further

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RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Brandon "Shane" Emrich as an expression of our respect and esteem.

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