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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, It is the distinct privilege of the members of the House of Representatives to recognize citizens that have shown heroic efforts on behalf of the life of another citizen; and

WHEREAS, On the evening of Friday, November 12, 2004, Gerry Jenich was returning to his Grayslake home, when he happened by the scene of a deer-related crash; six young people had been riding in an SUV in Grayslake, when the vehicle rolled over after the driver swerved to avoid hitting a deer; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jenich, who had previously worked as a flight-rescue medic and nurse for one of Michigan's first life support units in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, quickly tallied the number of passengers and inquired about their injuries; he found Blake Harmon lying about 30 feet in front of the SUV; and

WHEREAS, Even though it had been ten years since he worked as a paramedic, Mr. Jenich immediately began to care for Blake; while awaiting the arrival of the 911 crew, he twice revived Blake's breathing by rubbing the sternum with light pressure from his knuckles, receiving assistance from one of the teenagers during the effort; and

WHEREAS, Blake was transported to Advocate Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge and was released on Monday, November 29, 2004; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we honor Gerry Jenich for his heroic efforts to save the life of Blake Harmon; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Mr. Jenich as an expression of our deepest respect

1 and esteem.