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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to recognize Brett's First Responders on
4 its continued efforts in serving families of first responders
5 who are facing tragedy and financial hardship; and

6 WHEREAS, Brett's First Responders was created in honor of
7 Firefighter Brett A. Korves of the Swansea Fire Department,
8 who was killed when an individual evading police hit his car at
9 a high rate of speed in April 2019, leaving behind his wife,
10 Alex, his 18-month-old son, Brock, and a unborn daughter, who
11 was later named Brett Grace after her father; while his family
12 received incredible support from family, friends, and the
13 community, they did not qualify for other types of financial
14 support due to his being killed outside the line of duty; and

15 WHEREAS, Brett's First Responders was created to assist
16 families of first responders who find themselves facing
17 situations similar to that of the family of Brett Korves,
18 ensuring all families of first responders have support during
19 times of tragedy and financial hardship; and

20 WHEREAS, Brett's First Responders provides financial
21 support to families of first responders killed in
22 circumstances outside the line of duty or those enduring

1 sickness, injury, or significant financial hardships unrelated
2 to their careers as first responders; the organization also
3 provides grants to first responder cadet programs in need of
4 financial assistance; and

5 WHEREAS, Brett's First Responders, to date, has donated
6 over \$215,000 to 45 families of first responders and eight
7 fire cadet programs; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
9 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
10 we recognize Brett's First Responders on its unrelenting
11 commitment to serve and assist families of first responders
12 facing tragedy and financial hardship, and we commend the
13 organization for continuing the legacy of service of its
14 namesake, Firefighter Brett A. Korves of the Swansea Fire
15 Department; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to Brett's First Responders as an expression of our
18 esteem and respect.