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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives view it as essential to pay respect and honor to Illinois' first responders and volunteers who go above and beyond the call of duty in protecting Illinois residents; and

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WHEREAS, On April 23, 2025, at approximately 10:30 p.m., Andy Goforth and Daven Hug were on their way home when they noticed smoke billowing from the second floor of the senior apartments at the Village Apartments in Nashville, Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, After calling 9-1-1, Andy Goforth and Daven Hug selflessly ran into the building and started heroically notifying and evacuating residents; and

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WHEREAS, As Andy Goforth and Daven Hug were risking their lives to help the residents of the building, seven volunteer fire departments joined together to respond to this emergency; working together, the seven rural fire departments extinguished the fire; and

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WHEREAS, The first responders of Southern Illinois banded together to answer this emergency; the fire departments of Nashville, Hoyleton, Addieville, Ashley, Okawville, Carlyle,

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1 and Coulterville and the ambulance services of Washington
2 County, Pinckneyville, New Baden, and Litton County bravely
3 responded to the emergency and were instrumental in preventing
4 further harm; and

5 WHEREAS, Two residents were airlifted to the Mercy Burn
6 Center at Mercy Hospital in Saint Louis while two other
7 residents were admitted to the Washington County Hospital,
8 where one was released on April 27 with minor injuries and the
9 other remains in hospital; and

10 WHEREAS, Without the quick and heroic action of Andy
11 Goforth and Daven Hug, this incident could have resulted in a
12 tragic loss of life; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
14 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
15 we commend the brave actions of Andy Goforth and Daven Hug and
16 honor them for nobly putting their lives on the line to protect
17 some of Illinois' most vulnerable residents; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
19 presented to Andy Goforth and Daven Hug as an expression of our
20 esteem and respect.