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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate Engineer Jeremy DeJournett of the Belleville Fire Department for being selected to receive the Firefighter Excellence Award, which is presented by the Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal; and

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WHEREAS, The Firefighter Excellence Award is presented for an act of service in the line of duty, demonstrating excellence and professionalism in service to the citizens of the State of Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, Jeremy DeJournett, as a member of the Belleville Fire Department's Crew 1229, responded to an apartment fire in the 200 block of Freedom Drive on the morning of Saturday, October 26, 2019; the fire originated in the bathroom, where unattended candles caught an aerosol can on fire, causing an explosion; and

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WHEREAS, Upon the Belleville Fire Department's arrival, it was discovered that a mother and two children had already safely escaped the apartment; Jeremy DeJournett, alongside Firefighter Matthew Preston, entered the apartment complex to clear it of occupants and were putting on their gear when

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1 Jeremy DeJournett heard crying, which drew them into the  
2 apartment; and

3 WHEREAS, Matthew Preston located a third child, a  
4 4-year-old, on a couch underneath some pillows inside the  
5 apartment; he then pulled the child out of the smoke-filled  
6 apartment; the child was transported to a local hospital for  
7 treatment and was released hours later; and

8 WHEREAS, Jeremy DeJournett will be presented the  
9 Firefighter Excellence Award at the 28th Annual Firefighter  
10 Medal of Honor Awards Ceremony hosted by the Office of the  
11 Illinois State Fire Marshal on September 10, 2021; therefore,  
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13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
14 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
15 we congratulate Engineer Jeremy DeJournett for being selected  
16 to receive the Firefighter Excellence Award, and we thank him  
17 for his continued bravery and service in the line of duty; and  
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19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
20 presented to Matthew Preston as an expression of our esteem  
21 and respect.