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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to recognize Deputy Trevin Smith of Clay County for his bravery in the line of duty on March 13th, 2023; and

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WHEREAS, At approximately 4:32 p.m. on March 13, 2023, fellow Deputy Luke Durre was on routine patrol in the area of North State Road and Hardy Hills Road; he observed a gold Chevrolet Impala stuck in the ditch on the south side of the road facing west; when he approached the car, he noticed there was smoke coming from the car, which was still running, and the driver, a 78 year old male, was still pushing on the accelerator causing the motor to rev at a high RPMs; and

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WHEREAS, Deputy Durre was able to get the car in park and then shut off the engine; the vehicle was filling up with smoke and was in a position where the driver's side door was pinned against the ground and would only open a few inches; the passenger's side door was blocked by personal belongings that the driver had in the vehicle; a short time later, flames began to emerge from underneath the vehicle; and

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WHEREAS, Deputy Durre attempted to pull the driver out through the driver's side window but was unable to do so; he

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1 was able to pry the door open with assistance from Deputy  
2 Trevin Smith and North Clay Fireman Weston Kemmerer, lift the  
3 driver out the vehicle, and carry him to safety; Deputy  
4 Smith's efforts were crucial in assisting Deputy Durre and  
5 freeing the driver, who was transported to a nearby hospital  
6 for treatment; and

7 WHEREAS, Deputy Smith's actions and direct intervention  
8 were instrumental in saving and preserving the driver's life;  
9 therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
11 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
12 we honor Deputy Trevin Smith of Clay County for his heroic  
13 actions on March 13th, 2023; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
15 presented to Deputy Smith as an expression of our esteem and  
16 respect.