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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Denise McCormick
4 on the occasion of receiving the Paramedic Medal of Valor on
5 May 15, 2008; and

6 WHEREAS, Denise McCormick earned the Paramedic Medal of
7 Valor based upon events occurring on the afternoon of September
8 17, 2006, when Chicago Fire Ambulance 5 was on route to Christ
9 Hospital in Chicago with a patient in need of trauma care;
10 during the trip, Ambulance 5 was struck by another vehicle,
11 causing the ambulance to spin around, and then flip onto its
12 driver's side; Ms. McCormick was behind the wheel of the
13 ambulance during this tense situation; and

14 WHEREAS, Following the crash, Denise McCormick suffered
15 numerous injuries; despite her own wounds, however, she managed
16 to free herself from the wreckage and call over the ambulance's
17 radio for help; with the help of an unknown citizen, she
18 entered the rear compartment and freed the other occupants in
19 the ambulance, moving them to a safe location and performing
20 triage; in the process of treating the injured, she noticed
21 that her partner, Charles Reeves, was in serious respiratory
22 distress; Ms. McCormick went to his aid, despite her own
23 injuries, and cleared his airway and used an ambu bag to

1 sustain his breathing until the arrival of Ambulance 1; and

2 WHEREAS, As a result of the quick thinking and selflessness
3 of paramedic Denise McCormick, no fatalities resulted from this
4 harrowing situation; and

5 WHEREAS, Denise McCormick is a model of bravery,
6 professional conduct, and compassion for the people of the
7 State of Illinois; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
9 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
10 congratulate Denise McCormick on the occasion of receiving the
11 Paramedic Medal of Valor and wish her continued success in her
12 future endeavors; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to Denise McCormick as a symbol of our esteem and
15 respect.