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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to commend five firefighter-paramedics of
4 the Niles Fire Department who demonstrated extraordinary skill
5 and composure in the line of duty as first responders; and

6 WHEREAS, On September 19, 2025, the Niles Fire Department
7 responded to an emergency call regarding a 79-year-old
8 resident in cardiac arrest; and

9 WHEREAS, The individual in distress was identified as
10 Kevin O'Connor, a distinguished Vietnam War veteran and a
11 retired member of the Chicago Fire Department who dedicated
12 over 30 years of his life to the service of others; and

13 WHEREAS, Upon arriving at the scene, the emergency crew
14 from Station 3 immediately initiated lifesaving measures,
15 including CPR, and worked with clinical precision to stabilize
16 Kevin O'Connor before transporting him to Resurrection Medical
17 Center; and

18 WHEREAS, The responding team, comprised of Lieutenant Bill
19 White, Engineer Kevin Zender, Firefighter-Paramedic Darrion
20 Roszkowiak, Firefighter-Paramedic Michael Ries, and
21 Firefighter-Paramedic Karl Boubouleix, acted with the calm,

1 decisive coordination necessary to overcome the 9% survival
2 rate typical of out-of-hospital cardiac arrests; and

3 WHEREAS, Kevin O'Connor, who remained on life support for
4 11 hours following the incident, has since made a remarkable
5 recovery and credits these five individuals with his survival,
6 expressing that the Niles Fire Department kept him alive long
7 enough to receive proper hospital care, thereby saving his
8 life; and

9 WHEREAS, The professionalism and dedication displayed by
10 these five firefighter-paramedics exemplify the highest
11 standards of fire service and bring great credit to the Niles
12 Fire Department and the Village of Niles; 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 Lieutenant Bill White, Engineer Kevin Zender,
16 Firefighter-Paramedic Darrion Roszkowiak,
17 Firefighter-Paramedic Michael Ries, and Firefighter-Paramedic
18 Karl Boubouleix of the Niles Fire Department for their
19 lifesaving actions on September 19, 2025, and we express our
20 deepest gratitude for their service; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
22 presented to Lieutenant Bill White, Engineer Kevin Zender,

1 Firefighter-Paramedic Darrion Roszkowiak,
2 Firefighter-Paramedic Michael Ries, and Firefighter-Paramedic
3 Karl Boubouleix, and the Niles Fire Department as a symbol of
4 our esteem and respect.