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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate wish to congratulate Firefighter-Paramedic Gino Casciola on being the recipient of the Illinois Fire Service Medal of Valor; and

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WHEREAS, The Illinois Fire Service Medal of Valor is awarded by the Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal to firefighters who demonstrate exceptional courage, bravery, and a commitment to protecting others at great personal risk; and

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WHEREAS, Firefighter-Paramedic Gino Casciola was recognized for his extraordinary actions during a commercial structure fire at 330 West Lake Street in Addison on May 21, 2025, where crews encountered a working fire in a commercial occupancy with smoke showing upon arrival; and

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WHEREAS, As interior operations began, Firefighter-Paramedic Gino Casciola was assigned to the entry point to assist with advancing hose lines; during suppression efforts, conditions rapidly deteriorated after fire extended into a concealed void space above operating crews; heavy fire, extreme heat, and zero visibility forced firefighters to the floor as they attempted to locate an exit, leading to an evacuation being ordered; and

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1 WHEREAS, Upon the order to evacuate, Firefighter-Paramedic
2 Gino Casciola maintained his position at the threshold of the
3 structure, where he was met with zero-visibility conditions
4 and extreme thermal stress; he initially facilitated the
5 egress of three interior members who were disoriented and
6 searching for the exit; despite repeated orders to retreat
7 from the building for his own safety, he remained at the door,
8 identifying that two members were still absent; and

9 WHEREAS, Recognizing that the remaining members had not
10 emerged and that the window for survival was closing,
11 Firefighter-Paramedic Gino Casciola reentered the structure;
12 after clearing a blocked exit path, he conducted a rapid
13 search in high-heat, zero-visibility conditions and
14 successfully located and extracted the first remaining member;
15 without hesitation, he reentered the structure a second time,
16 located the final missing member, and successfully pulled them
17 to safety; and

18 WHEREAS, Firefighter-Paramedic Gino Casciola only exited
19 the structure after accounting for all remaining members;
20 through his decisive and selfless actions, five members,
21 including two lieutenants and three firefighter-paramedics,
22 were safely removed from the structure and survived the
23 incident without injury; and

1 WHEREAS, Firefighter-Paramedic Gino Casciola's actions
2 exemplified the highest traditions of fire service and reflect
3 great credit upon himself and Addison Fire Protection District
4 #1; and

5 WHEREAS, Firefighter-Paramedic Gino Casciola will be
6 awarded the Illinois Fire Service Medal of Valor at the
7 Illinois Fallen Firefighter Memorial and Firefighting Medal of
8 Honor Awards Ceremony in Springfield on May 12, 2026;
9 therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate
12 Firefighter-Paramedic Gino Casciola of Addison Fire Protection
13 District #1 on being awarded the Illinois Fire Service Medal,
14 and we thank him for his service and dedication to the Addison
15 community and the State of Illinois; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to Firefighter-Paramedic Gino Casciola as an
18 expression of our esteem and respect.