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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

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

5 WHEREAS, The Illinois Fire Service Medal of Honor is the
6 highest award given by the State of Illinois to a firefighter
7 for an act of outstanding bravery or heroism, by which the
8 firefighter has demonstrated in great degree the
9 characteristics of selflessness and personal courage above and
10 beyond the call of duty, under adverse conditions, with the
11 possibility of extreme personal risk; and

12 WHEREAS, Firefighter-Paramedic Gino Casciola was
13 recognized for his extraordinary actions during a commercial
14 structure fire at 330 West Lake Street in Addison on May 21,
15 2025, where crews encountered a working fire in a commercial
16 occupancy with smoke showing upon arrival; and

17 WHEREAS, As interior operations began,
18 Firefighter-Paramedic Gino Casciola was assigned to the entry
19 point to assist with advancing hose lines; during suppression
20 efforts, conditions rapidly deteriorated after fire extended
21 into a concealed void space above operating crews; heavy fire,
22 extreme heat, and zero visibility forced firefighters to the

1 floor as they attempted to locate an exit, leading to an
2 evacuation being ordered; and

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

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

20 WHEREAS, Firefighter-Paramedic Gino Casciola only exited
21 the structure after accounting for all remaining members;
22 through his decisive and selfless actions, five members,
23 including two lieutenants and three firefighter-paramedics,

1 were safely removed from the structure and survived the
2 incident without injury; and

3 WHEREAS, Firefighter-Paramedic Gino Casciola's actions
4 exemplified the highest traditions of fire service and reflect
5 great credit upon himself and Addison Fire Protection District
6 #1; and

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

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

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