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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to commend Lt. Brian Kulaga of the Cicero
4 Fire Department for his recent heroic actions while off duty;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, On February 19, 2021, Lt. Kulaga was running
7 errands for the firehouse when he spotted smoke and flames
8 coming from the second floor above Waterworks Pizzeria &
9 Tavern at 7815 Ogden Avenue in Lyons; and

10 WHEREAS, Lt. Kulaga stopped and notified employees at
11 Waterworks Pizzeria & Tavern that the building was on fire; he
12 then asked the employees to show him how to reach the
13 apartments on the second floor; and

14 WHEREAS, Lt. Kulaga went to the second floor, where he
15 located the first resident walking around in smoke and took
16 him down the stairs to safety; and

17 WHEREAS, Upon learning there was another resident still
18 inside, Lt. Kulaga returned upstairs and called to the second
19 individual; with smoke to the floor, he crawled to the second
20 man, found him, pulled him down to the floor, and dragged him
21 out of the building; and

1 WHEREAS, After saving the two men, Lt. Kulaga assisted
2 Lyons firefighters with hose lines; and

3 WHEREAS, Lt. Kulaga has served as a firefighter in the
4 Cicero Fire Department for 32 years; he is currently assigned
5 as a lieutenant on Truck Co. 2 on Gold Shift; and

6 WHEREAS, Lt. Kulaga was born in Cicero to Barbara and John
7 Kulaga on February 7, 1967; he has been married to Louis C.
8 Kulaga, a science teacher and coach at Gurrie Middle School in
9 LaGrange, for 27 years; they have two children, Brian and Amy;
10 they also have three Chesapeake Bay Retrievers, Tazer, Koda,
11 and Lilo; they reside in Riverside; and

12 WHEREAS, Lt. Kulaga's quick thinking and bravery, done
13 without protective gear with no regard for his own life, saved
14 the lives of two men; he is a true firefighter and an honor to
15 his profession; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
17 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
18 we commend Lt. Brian Kulaga of the Cicero Fire Department for
19 his selfless actions on February 19, 2021, and we thank him for
20 his continued service to the community of Cicero and the
21 citizens of Illinois; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to Lt. Kulaga as an expression of our esteem and
3 respect.