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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to recognize Deputy Luke Durre of Clay
4 County for his bravery in the line of duty on March 13th, 2023;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, At approximately 4:32 p.m. on March 13, 2023,
7 Deputy Durre was on routine patrol in the area of North State
8 Road and Hardy Hills Road; he observed a gold Chevrolet Impala
9 stuck in the ditch on the south side of the road facing west;
10 when he approached the car, he noticed that smoke was coming
11 from the car, which was still running, and the driver, a 78
12 year old male, was still pushing on the accelerator, causing
13 the motor to rev at high RPMs; and

14 WHEREAS, Deputy Durre was able to get the car in park and
15 then shut off the engine; the vehicle was filling up with smoke
16 and was in a position where the driver's side door was pinned
17 against the ground and would only open a few inches; the
18 passenger's side door was blocked by personal belongings the
19 driver had in the vehicle; a short time later, flames began to
20 emerge from underneath the vehicle; and

21 WHEREAS, Deputy Durre attempted to pull the driver out of
22 the car through the driver's side window but was unable to do

1 so; he was able to pry the door open with assistance from
2 Deputy Trevin Smith and North Clay Fireman Weston Kemmerer,
3 lift the driver out the vehicle, and carry the driver to
4 safety, who was then transported to a nearby hospital for
5 treatment; and

6 WHEREAS, Deputy Durre's actions and direct intervention
7 were instrumental in saving and preserving the driver's life;
8 therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
10 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
11 we recognize Deputy Luke Durre of Clay County for his heroic
12 actions on March 13th, 2023; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to Deputy Luke Durre as an expression of our esteem
15 and respect.