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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to recognize Keith Fahrney for his heroic  
4 actions amid the stabbing spree that took place in Rockford on  
5 March 27, 2024; and

6           WHEREAS, Keith Fahrney, who is currently studying to be an  
7 engineer, was driving home from his trigonometry class at Rock  
8 Valley College when he noticed a commotion outside his  
9 neighbor's home; he immediately jumped out of his car to see  
10 how he could help a fellow citizen in need; once he realized  
11 the severity of the horrific scene he had encountered, he  
12 acted swiftly to help the woman who was the latest to fall  
13 victim to the assailant's violent rampage; and

14           WHEREAS, Keith Fahrney bravely wrestled the assailant to  
15 the ground as the man attempted to flee in Fahrney's vehicle  
16 and fought to protect himself and others until police arrived  
17 on the scene, who then successfully secured the assailant in  
18 their custody after a brief foot chase; and

19           WHEREAS, During the altercation, Keith Fahrney was stabbed  
20 in the neck and slashed on the back of his head by the  
21 assailant, which required him to receive three stitches  
22 underneath his chin and eight staples for his head injury; and

1           WHEREAS, Keith Fahrney was applauded by officers on the  
2 scene for his bravery and his assistance in catching the  
3 assailant; his quick actions ensured the survival of the  
4 victim and potentially saved others who likely would have been  
5 seriously harmed if he had not intervened to stop the  
6 assailant's series of attacks; and

7           WHEREAS, Since the attacks, Keith Fahrney has been honored  
8 at a Rockford IceHogs hockey game, where he was named a  
9 Hometown Hero; he has also expressed hope that his actions  
10 might inspire others to come to the aid of those in need; and

11           WHEREAS, Keith Fahrney is not only a fantastic husband and  
12 father, but he is the embodiment of what it means to be a good  
13 Samaritan; therefore, be it

14           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
15 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
16 we recognize Keith Fahrney for his courage and good  
17 Samaritanism in protecting his community of Rockford, and we  
18 wish him happiness and healing in his future; and be it further

19           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
20 presented to Keith Fahrney as an expression of our esteem and  
21 respect.