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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to recognize Firefighter Matt Grosskopf of Mt. Vernon for his courage and selflessness in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, On December 26, 2003, a house fire broke out in Mt. Vernon; when the firefighters first arrived, they were informed that someone was still inside; and

WHEREAS, John Calvert was trapped by the fire and unconscious in a bathroom of the home; as firefighters were getting ready to advance a hose into the home, Firefighter Grosskopf, disregarding his own safety, entered the house alone to search for Mr. Calvert; after several minutes inside with no visibility and incredibly high temperatures, he emerged from the furiously burning home with Mr. Calvert; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Calvert was treated and released from the hospital two days later due mostly to having been found and saved so quickly; and

WHEREAS, Firefighter Grosskopf showed personal courage and dedication in the face of danger and went above and beyond the call of duty risking his life to save another; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we honor Firefighter Matt Grosskopf for his outstanding bravery and selflessness in the line of duty for citizens of this State; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Firefighter Matt Grosskopf as a token of our respect and esteem.