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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois are pleased to be able to recognize and honor a person who, through his quick response to an emergency situation, was successful in saving the life of another; and

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WHEREAS, It has come to our attention that on Saturday, August 12, 2006, Central City Police Officer Matthew B. Dukes was northbound on State Route 51, approximately two miles north of I-64, when he came upon a van on fire; and

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WHEREAS, Officer Dukes found a physically impaired person trapped inside the burning vehicle; the officer extricated the occupant of the van and carried him to safety; when the fire truck arrived, Officer Dukes helped to extinguish the fire; and

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WHEREAS, The occupant of the van was transported to the hospital and survived because of the quick actions of Officer Dukes; therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we applaud and commend Officer Matthew B. Dukes for his quick and heroic action in saving the life of another; and be it further

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RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to him as an expression of our respect and esteem.

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