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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Officer Timothy
4 Gramins of the Skokie Police Department on the occasion of
5 winning the 2009 TOP COPS Award from the National Association
6 Of Police Organizations; and

7 WHEREAS, On August 25, 2008, a bank in Northbrook was
8 robbed at gun-point by a single offender who fled the scene in
9 a white car; after a report describing the offender and his
10 vehicle was broadcast over police radio, Officer Timothy
11 Gramins spotted a car and suspect matching the description and
12 attempted to pull the car over; the offender refused to stop
13 and made a quick turn down a residential street; and

14 WHEREAS, Continuing his tail of the offender, Officer
15 Timothy Gramins was in the process of notifying dispatch of his
16 actions when the offender spun his car sideways, jumped out of
17 his vehicle, and began firing at Officer Gramins with a
18 handgun; in response, Officer Gramins immediately returned
19 fire through his windshield, an action that gave him time to
20 exit his cruiser and reload his weapon; Officer Gramins and the
21 offender then fired at each other over, around, and under their
22 vehicles, an exchange that turned the quiet street into a
23 war-zone; eventually, Officer Gramins was forced to engage the

1 offender from a prone position, firing from under his vehicle
2 while the offender did the same; during this exchange, the
3 offender was struck several times and was fatally wounded; and

4 WHEREAS, At the conclusion of this tense situation, not a
5 single civilian had been hurt and a dangerous armed robber was
6 stopped, thanks to the bravery and quick thinking of Officer
7 Gramins; and

8 WHEREAS, Officer Gramins was honored for his bravery at the
9 16th Annual TOP COPS award ceremony on May 12, 2009; the
10 ceremony was held at the Warner Theatre in Washington, D.C.;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Officer Timothy Gramins serves as a model of
13 courage, integrity, and dedication for the people of the State
14 of Illinois; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
16 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
17 congratulate Officer Timothy Gramins on the occasion of winning
18 the 2009 TOP COPS Award and wish him continued success and
19 happiness in his future endeavors; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to Officer Timothy Gramins as a symbol of our esteem

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1 and respect.