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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are pleased to congratulate Tracy Williams for receiving the "2010 Most Innovative Blood Drive Coordinator Award" from the Illinois Coalition of Community Blood Centers; and

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WHEREAS, Tracy Williams is a full-time detective with the Evanston Police; in November 2009, Detective Tracy's good friend, Officer Joseph Bush was severely injured in an accident on his way to work; and

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WHEREAS, In the first few weeks after the accident, doctors did not think Officer Bush would survive; in an effort to save his dear friend, Detective Williams contacted LifeSource and the Joseph Bush Replenishment Fund Blood Drive was soon scheduled for December of 2009, the most difficult month of the year to collect blood; and

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WHEREAS, Detective Williams visited a number of police and fire departments throughout the Chicago area to promote the drive, including Deerfield, Evanston, Glenview, Lincolnwood, Morton Grove, Northbrook, Niles, Rosemont, Skokie, and Woodridge, where he personally asked individual law enforcement and fire officials to donate blood; and

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1 WHEREAS, Detective Williams also reached out to various
2 media outlets, including the Chicago Tribune, Chicago
3 Sun-Times, and other local newspapers; and

4 WHEREAS, Detective Williams created a website for the blood
5 drive which included updates on Officer Bush's recovery; and

6 WHEREAS, The Joseph Bush Replenishment Blood Drive was a
7 huge success, bringing in nearly 300 donors; and

8 WHEREAS, In 2010, LifeSource Chicagoland's Blood Center
9 nominated Detective Tracy Williams as the "Most Innovative
10 Blood Drive Coordinator" in a State-wide competition hosted by
11 the Illinois Coalition of Community Blood Centers; therefore,
12 be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
14 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
15 commend Detective Tracy Williams for his commitment to the
16 recovery of his friend, Officer Joseph Bush, and his hard work
17 in making the Joseph Bush Replenishment Fund Blood Drive a
18 success; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to Detective Tracy Williams as a symbol of our

1 respect and esteem.