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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Trooper Brad Williams of the Illinois State Police District 20 post at Pittsfield was recently a finalist for the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) Trooper of the Year Award; and

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WHEREAS, On April 24, 2013, 5 members of a family, including 2 children, were murdered in a horrific attack in Manchester while another child was seriously wounded; and

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WHEREAS, That morning, Trooper Williams was on patrol in the area and spotted a vehicle matching the description of the gunman's car; he immediately began a pursuit of the dangerous fugitive, calling in other officers to assist; the pursuit ended when Chief George Lindsey of the Winchester Police Department struck the fleeing vehicle with his car, only to have the driver emerge with a shotgun; and

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WHEREAS, Trooper Williams tipped his motorcycle over, leapt off, and drew his weapon just as the gunman fired a shot at Chief Lindsey; he and other arriving officers ended the manhunt and pursuit before additional lives were endangered; and

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WHEREAS, Trooper Williams's decisive action in identifying

1 the vehicle and in acting in defense of fellow officers  
2 doubtlessly saved several lives; and

3 WHEREAS, Trooper Williams was honored for his heroic action  
4 by the International Association of Chiefs of Police;  
5 therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
7 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
8 we congratulate Trooper Brad Williams on his IACP recognition,  
9 and thank him for his heroic service on April 24, 2013 and  
10 every other day that he wears the uniform of the Illinois State  
11 Police; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
13 presented to Trooper Brad Williams as an expression of our  
14 gratitude, esteem, and respect.