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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The Illinois House of Representatives would like to congratulate Daniel Joyce, of Chicago, for his brave and quick action of May 18th, when he quickly alerted White House security officers and the United States Secret Service about the presence of an individual who, unbeknownst to White House guards, illegally jumped over the White House fence and charged up the White House lawn, where he was subsequently arrested; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Joyce heeded the call of President George W. Bush, who in the wake of the tragic terrorist events of September 11th, called on citizens of the United States for extreme vigilance against the illegal acts and threats to national security; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Joyce was in our nation's capital with his family on the weekend of May 19th to celebrate the graduation of his daughter, Peggy Elizabeth, who graduated Magna Cum Laude, from Georgetown University Law School; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Joyce visited the White House at 1600 Pennsylvania Boulevard with his family on Saturday, May 18th, and was in the front of the White House with his daughter Peggy in the afternoon; and

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WHEREAS, While enjoying the view of the President's home, Mr. Joyce took notice of a suspicious man who was leaning on the fence to the front lawn of the White House; Mr. Joyce keenly kept an eye on this individual, who was 25 yards away from a White House Security Guard house leading to the White House; to the shock of Mr. Joyce, his daughter Peggy, and many bystanders, the suspicious individual lifted himself up over the White House fence and onto the White House lawn; and

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WHEREAS, Upon seeing this individual jump over the White

1 House fence, Mr. Joyce leaped into action; as the individual
2 began walking up the White House lawn, Mr. Joyce quickly
3 evaluated the situation and ran to the White House Security
4 Guard house, yelling as he ran, and immediately notified the
5 White House Guards and Secret Service Officers about the
6 intruder; and

7 WHEREAS, The White House Security Guards and Secret
8 Service Agents, upon being notified by Mr. Joyce, immediately
9 charged toward the man and quickly detained and arrested the
10 intruder; the arresting officers and guards then thanked Mr.
11 Joyce for his quick and valuable assistance; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
13 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
14 we congratulate Daniel Joyce for his brave and alert action
15 in notifying White House Security Guards and Secret Service
16 Agents about an intruder to the White House lawn, and are
17 grateful for his action on behalf of his country that may
18 have prevented an illegal act at the White House of the
19 United States; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to Daniel Joyce as an expression of our esteem.