

## House Resolution 232

By: Representative Rakestraw of the 19<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Save Your Family Initiative; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, every year in these United States, hundreds of children and thousands of their  
3 parents and family members perish needlessly due to preventable fires; and

4 WHEREAS, few people realize that firefighter deaths can also be reduced when the public  
5 at large is trained on how to escape a burning home. Firefighters cannot fight a home fire  
6 with people still inside and if everyone has already escaped, the firefighters can concentrate  
7 on saving the home; and

8 WHEREAS, the nonprofit organization, Save Your Family Initiative, was founded by three  
9 employees of the Fulton County School District, with the goal of saving lives, especially  
10 those of disabled veterans and underprivileged children and their families, through the  
11 development and distribution of safety training information and other materials, including  
12 a comprehensive guide to home fire safety, *Save Your Family: The Ultimate Fire Safety and*  
13 *Survival Guide*; and

14 WHEREAS, the three founding members include, retired engineer Tony Baker, retired  
15 United States Navy Commander Raymond Schenk, and special education coordinator Susan  
16 Baker, who collectively have nearly 60 years of experience in firefighting and education; and

17 WHEREAS, through its outreach efforts, the Save Your Family Initiative hopes to increase  
18 public fire safety awareness which will save the lives of many across this state.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
20 the members of this body recognize and commend the Save Your Family Initiative in its  
21 endeavors to help save innocent lives, and to provide critical safety training and information,  
22 in particular, to underprivileged children and their families.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
24 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the  
25 Save Your Family Initiative.