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H.R. No. 113

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dakota Stroud, a member of the Weatherford Fire
2 Department, was awarded a Medal of Valor and Citation Bar in
3 recognition of the heroism he demonstrated while rescuing a man
4 from a car accident on July 10, 2021; and

5 WHEREAS, On that day, Mr. Stroud had just completed a 24-hour
6 shift and was on the road with his wife when he happened upon the
7 scene of an accident on Mambrino Highway near Granbury, where a
8 driver had lost control of his vehicle and collided with a tree; the
9 driver, a 19-year-old man, was pinned inside of his vehicle, which
10 had rolled onto its passenger side and caught fire; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Stroud retrieved a small fire extinguisher from
12 his truck, approached the vehicle, and called out for the driver,
13 who was injured and unable to escape; flames were rapidly
14 approaching the young man, and after temporarily extinguishing
15 them, Mr. Stroud climbed on top of the vehicle and began attempting
16 to free the victim; when the fire again spread into the cabin,
17 Mr. Stroud resorted to grabbing the man and using all of his
18 strength to pull him out from where he was trapped, allowing him to
19 finally escape as the vehicle was only seconds away from becoming
20 fully engulfed in flames; and

21 WHEREAS, With the help of a bystander, Mr. Stroud was able to
22 carry the injured man to the shoulder of the road, where he and an
23 off-duty nurse assessed his injuries; after emergency medical
24 services arrived on the scene, Mr. Stroud remained with the man

1 until a helicopter transported him to a hospital for lifesaving
2 treatment; later, Mr. Stroud made contact with the victim's family,
3 who informed him that he was stable and expected to make a full
4 recovery; and

5 WHEREAS, During a moment of crisis, Dakota Stroud put his
6 life on the line to rescue a fellow Texan in need, and in so doing,
7 he exemplified the noblest ideals of public service; now,
8 therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
10 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby congratulate Dakota Stroud
11 on his receipt of a Medal of Valor and Citation Bar from the
12 Weatherford Fire Department and extend to him sincere best wishes
13 for the future; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for Mr. Stroud as an expression of high regard by the Texas
16 House of Representatives.