

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Acting swiftly and decisively, a number of Lampasas  
2 County first responders worked together to rescue two children who  
3 were trapped inside a cave on March 18, 2023; and

4           WHEREAS, At around 5 p.m. that day, two paramedics from  
5 Hamilton EMS were dispatched to a location on the Lampasas River,  
6 where it was reported that a cave had collapsed with children  
7 inside; the first responders on the scene, which included other  
8 EMS, fire service, and law enforcement personnel, discovered that  
9 the cave was on the opposite side of the river and down an  
10 embankment, where the water was several feet deep; and

11           WHEREAS, The rescuers, who swam across the river to reach the  
12 victims, faced the danger involved with entering a cave that had a  
13 high probability of collapsing, along with the risks inherent in  
14 moving critically injured children across the river to emergency  
15 transport; after being safely evacuated from the cave, the two  
16 children were assessed to be in stable condition and were  
17 transported to area hospitals; in addition to the individuals who  
18 heroically placed themselves in harm's way to save the lives of the  
19 children in the cave, a number of emergency medical professionals  
20 provided urgent care for the victims' injuries; and

21           WHEREAS, Assisting in the effort were paramedics Alexander  
22 Haynes and Robert Metheny, EMTs Kyle Keahey and Charles  
23 Vandergriff, and paramedic captain Heather Johnson of Hamilton EMS;  
24 Wayland Allen, Justin Barkley, Steven Smith, Bailey Harner,

1 Jennifer Lundt, Lexis Hansen, and Chief Cornelia Green of the  
2 Kempner Volunteer Fire Department; Frank Potter, Morris Wilkins,  
3 and Captain Colton Baker of the Lampasas Fire Department; Jason  
4 Collins, Jason Hume, and Sergeant Jerome Ervin of the Lampasas  
5 County Sheriff's Office; and Aspen Walker of the Kempner Police  
6 Department; and

7 WHEREAS, These exceptional men and women conducted a perilous  
8 rescue operation with the utmost professionalism, efficiency, and  
9 courage, and through their actions, they prevented a terrible  
10 tragedy and earned the heartfelt admiration of a grateful  
11 community; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas  
13 Legislature hereby commend the first responders who went above and  
14 beyond to save two children trapped inside a cave in Lampasas County  
15 on March 18, 2023, and extend to them sincere appreciation for their  
16 outstanding service to their fellow citizens.

Spiller

Phelan	Guerra	Murr
Allen	Guillen	Neave Criado
Allison	Harless	Noble
Anchía	Harris of Anderson	Oliverson
Anderson	Harris of Williamson	Ordaz
Ashby	Harrison	Orr
Bailes	Hayes	Ortega
Bell of Kaufman	Hefner	Patterson
Bell of Montgomery	Hernandez	Paul
Bernal	Herrero	Perez
Bhojani	Hinojosa	Plesa
Bonnen	Holland	Price
Bowers	Howard	Ramos
Bryant	Hull	Raney
Buckley	Hunter	Raymond
Bucy	Isaac	Reynolds
Bumgarner	Jetton	Rogers
Burns	Johnson of Dallas	Romero, Jr.
Burrows	A. Johnson of Harris	Rose
Button	J. Johnson of Harris	Rosenthal
Cain	Jones of Dallas	Schaefer
Campos	Jones of Harris	Schatzline
Canales	Kacal	Schofield
Capriglione	King of Hemphill	Shaheen
Clardy	King of Uvalde	Sherman, Sr.
Cole	Kitzman	Shine
Collier	Klick	Slaton
Cook	Kuempel	Slawson
Cortez	Lalani	Smith
Craddick	Lambert	Smithee
Cunningham	Landgraf	Spiller
Darby	Leach	Stucky
Davis	Leo-Wilson	Swanson
Dean	Longoria	Talarico
DeAyala	Lopez of Bexar	Tepper
Dorazio	Lopez of Cameron	Thierry
Dutton	Lozano	Thimesch
Flores	Lujan	Thompson of Brazoria
Frank	Manuel	Thompson of Harris
Frazier	Martinez	Tinderholt
Gamez	Martinez Fischer	Toth
Garcia	Metcalf	Troxclair
Gates	Meyer	Turner
Gerdes	Meza	VanDeaver
Geren	Moody	Vasut
Gervin-Hawkins	Morales of Harris	Vo
Goldman	Morales of Maverick	Walle
González of Dallas	Morales Shaw	Wilson
González of El Paso	Morrison	Wu
Goodwin	Muñoz, Jr.	Zwiener

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1080 was adopted by the House on April 20, 2023, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House