

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 646

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Sergeant Robert Rangel on his heroic actions at Methodist Dallas Medical Center on October 22, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Robert Rangel of the Methodist Health System Police Department in Dallas demonstrated exceptional skill and composure when confronting an armed felon on parole who was granted permission by his parole officer to be present at Methodist Dallas Medical Center for the birth of his child; and

WHEREAS, After an argument with his girlfriend, the assailant opened fire and killed social worker Jacqueline Pokuaa as well as registered nurse Katie Annette Flowers, who had responded to the disturbance in the labor and delivery department of the hospital; and

WHEREAS, At great personal risk, Sergeant Rangel shot and assisted in disarming the assailant, thereby preventing him from escaping and causing further harm to patients, employees, and physicians in the hospital; and

WHEREAS, A courageous officer whose training and protective instincts prompted his swift and effective actions, Sergeant Rangel has distinguished himself as an officer who does not hesitate to confront danger; he is a credit to his department and to the law enforcement community, and he is indeed deserving of special recognition for his valor and his exemplary service; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 88th Legislature, hereby commend Sergeant Robert Rangel on his heroic actions to defend the lives of patients and hospital staff at Methodist Dallas Medical Center and extend to him an expression of sincere gratitude and best wishes for success in all of his endeavors; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 23, 2023.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate