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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The ability to respond to a crisis situation where
2 lives are at stake in a decisive and rational manner is the very
3 nature of heroism, and several staff members and students at
4 Scurry-Rosser High School displayed that rare quality during an
5 incident at their school; and

6 WHEREAS, On the morning of November 15, 2002, a former
7 student, armed with a shotgun and carrying a can of gasoline and a
8 lighter, entered the school and began threatening students and
9 faculty; and

10 WHEREAS, Principal Richard Sneed encountered the 300-pound
11 intruder and engaged him in conversation, then, placing himself
12 directly in harm's way, grabbed the shotgun and shoved the barrel up
13 in the air; and

14 WHEREAS, He was quickly joined in his efforts to disarm and
15 subdue the man by dean of students Dan Taylor, athletic director
16 Virgil Crow, assistant coach Hank Hollywood, and students Cody
17 Smith and Matt Cooper, and through their combined efforts they
18 secured the weapon and held the gunman until the authorities
19 arrived to take him into custody; and

20 WHEREAS, Because of the prompt intervention of these brave
21 individuals, a potentially deadly scenario was foiled and order
22 quickly restored, and their actions have earned them the enduring
23 admiration and appreciation of a grateful community; now,
24 therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
2 Legislature hereby commend Richard Sneed, Dan Taylor, Virgil Crow,
3 Hank Hollywood, Cody Smith, and Matt Cooper for their courage and
4 quick thinking prevented an almost certain tragedy from taking
5 place at Scurry-Rosser High School; and, be it further

6 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
7 prepared for these remarkable gentlemen as an expression of high
8 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.