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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Curtis Patterson of Waco was recently honored by the
2 Carnegie Hero Fund Commission for saving the life of a fellow Texan
3 on June 12, 2001, and this well-deserved accolade provides a
4 fitting opportunity to commend Mr. Patterson's heroic actions; and

5 WHEREAS, En route home from her job in Waco, Margaret
6 Ratliff, a 33-year-old mother of three, lost control of her car and
7 struck a utility pole near China Spring; the pole snapped, and live
8 wires sparked a grass fire beneath the car; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Patterson was also headed home from work when he
10 observed Ms. Ratliff trapped inside her Mercedes and quickly came
11 to her aid; disregarding the lethal threat posed by the downed power
12 lines, he pried open the passenger-side door, cut her free from her
13 seatbelt, and pulled her to safety; moments later, the car was
14 completely engulfed in flames; and

15 WHEREAS, The prompt intervention and quick thinking of Curtis
16 Patterson saved Ms. Ratliff from serious injury or possible death,
17 and the spirit of selflessness and bravery that he displayed is
18 truly deserving of recognition; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
20 Legislature hereby commend Curtis Patterson for his exceptional
21 courage and composure in the face of a life-threatening situation;
22 and, be it further

23 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
24 prepared for Mr. Patterson as an expression of high regard by the

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1 Texas House of Representatives.