

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 316

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

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

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

**WHEREAS**, He was quickly joined in his efforts to disarm and subdue the man by Dean of Students Dan Taylor, Athletic Director Virgil Crow, Assistant Coach Hank Hollywood, and students Cody Smith and Matt Cooper; through their combined efforts they secured the weapon and held the gunman until the authorities arrived to take him into custody; and

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

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, hereby commend Richard Sneed, Dan Taylor, Virgil Crow, Hank Hollywood, Cody Smith, and Matt Cooper, as their courage and quick thinking prevented an almost certain tragedy from taking place at Scurry-Rosser High School; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for these remarkable gentlemen 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 March 17, 2003.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate