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H.C.R. No. 16

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Eleven-year-old Dereck Hatley of Sulphur Springs is
2 a courageous young man who rescued his four-year-old friend,
3 Anthony Daley, from a vicious dog attack on July 16, 2005; and

4 WHEREAS, Dereck and Anthony had been playing with a friendly
5 dog when a stray pit bull came upon them; when Anthony began to run,
6 the pit bull pulled the young boy to the ground and began biting
7 him; and

8 WHEREAS, Putting himself directly in harm's way, Dereck ran
9 to the aid of his friend and kicked the dog until it released
10 Anthony; quickly grabbing his friend, he ran to safety, carrying
11 the boy while the two were still being pursued by the attacking dog;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Through his actions, Dereck Hatley enabled his
14 friend to escape this harrowing incident without life-threatening
15 or permanent injuries, and the brave and swift response of this
16 remarkable young man has earned him the admiration and appreciation
17 of a grateful community; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas,
19 2nd Called Session, hereby honor Dereck Hatley for his exceptional
20 act of heroism and commend him for the maturity and composure he
21 demonstrated in an emergency situation; and, be it further

22 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
23 prepared for Mr. Hatley as an expression of high regard by the Texas
24 House of Representatives and Senate.