

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Tragedy was averted in Mineola when firefighters
2 saved the lives of 12-year-olds Emily Strickland and Elizabeth
3 Burge after the youths were swept down a storm drain following a
4 flash flood; and

5 WHEREAS, The girls were rescued by members of the Mineola
6 Fire Department, including David Sinches, Scott Melvin, Mark Hooks,
7 Javier Ortega, Jamie Davlin, and Skip Hortman, each of whom was
8 instrumental in saving the youngsters from drowning; and

9 WHEREAS, Fire chief David Stevenson expressed appreciation
10 for the firefighters' quick thinking and fast action, while also
11 expressing his gratitude that all involved in the swift water
12 rescue emerged from the perilous ordeal without serious injury; and

13 WHEREAS, This incident offers an opportunity to pay tribute
14 to the members of the Mineola Fire Department for their bravery in
15 the line of duty; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
17 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby commend the Mineola Fire
18 Department for its role in the heroic rescue of Emily Strickland and
19 Elizabeth Burge and honor these dedicated public servants for
20 willingly placing themselves in harm's way to safeguard their
21 fellow Texans; and, be it further

22 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
23 prepared for the Mineola Fire Department as an expression of high
24 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

Hughes

H.R. No. 150

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 150 was adopted by the House on August 8, 2005, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House