

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, For his selfless actions in saving the life of a  
2 child, Waxahachie resident Fred Bryant has been honored with the  
3 Carnegie Medal by the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission; and

4           WHEREAS, Founded in 1904 by industrialist and philanthropist  
5 Andrew Carnegie, the Carnegie Hero Fund honors those who risk their  
6 lives to an extraordinary degree while attempting to save the lives  
7 of others; and

8           WHEREAS, On May 18, 2003, Mr. Bryant and his wife, Carol,  
9 witnessed the collision of a tractor-trailer and a car carrying a  
10 family of four on Interstate 35E near Red Oak; following the impact,  
11 the car and the tractor-trailer caught fire, and Mr. Bryant  
12 immediately pulled off of the road to lend assistance; and

13           WHEREAS, While Mr. Bryant initially believed that no one in  
14 the car had survived the accident, he heard the sounds of a child's  
15 cries and discovered two-year-old Daniel Oh in the backseat;  
16 ignoring the menacing blaze inside the vehicle, Mr. Bryant  
17 maneuvered himself through the broken windshield and attempted to  
18 retrieve the child; unsuccessful at first, he procured a knife from  
19 a bystander and sliced through a restraining belt, freeing young  
20 Daniel moments before the car was engulfed in flames; and

21           WHEREAS, Mrs. Bryant also played a vital role in saving  
22 Daniel's life; a pediatric nurse practitioner, she tended to  
23 Daniel's injuries, which included two broken legs, a broken arm,  
24 and damage to his neck; the child was subsequently flown to

1 Children's Medical Center of Dallas for treatment and has since  
2 recovered; and

3 WHEREAS, By risking his own life to save another, Mr. Bryant  
4 demonstrated remarkable courage and generosity, and his act of  
5 valor exemplified the most admirable qualities of the human spirit;  
6 now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
8 Legislature hereby commend Fred Bryant for his exceptional bravery  
9 in the face of danger and congratulate him on his receipt of the  
10 prestigious Carnegie Medal from the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission;  
11 and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
13 prepared for Mr. Bryant as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
14 House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 1122

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1122 was adopted by the House on May 9, 2005, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House