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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Members of the Engine 6 and 92 Rescue companies of
2 the Mesquite Fire Department showed exemplary initiative and
3 dedication in saving the life of a citizen in need; and

4 WHEREAS, On March 14, 2006, Retired Captain Rayford Lybrand,
5 Driver/Paramedic Travis Edwards, Firefighter/Paramedic Jeremy
6 Stroope, and Firefighter/Paramedic Jimmy Reimer of Engine 6 of the
7 Mesquite Fire Department were dispatched to Via Sevilla to come to
8 the aid of an unconscious 25-year-old man; and

9 WHEREAS, The situation they confronted on arrival was most
10 dire; the young man they found was clinically dead, showing no pulse
11 or respiration; CPR is generally unsuccessful in reviving someone
12 in full cardiac arrest, but despite the long odds against the
13 patient, the members of Engine 6 began CPR; and

14 WHEREAS, With the arrival of Firefighter/Paramedic Brian
15 Jeffreys and Firefighter/Paramedic Jerry Jedlicka of 92 Rescue, the
16 two crews worked in tandem in their efforts to revive the man; for
17 15 long minutes they performed CPR and administered medications,
18 finally improving the patient's heart rhythm but without yet
19 raising a pulse; refusing to give up, these six dedicated
20 professionals continued to administer CPR and more medications; and

21 WHEREAS, Almost 25 minutes after he first received CPR, the
22 young man regained his pulse and began trying to breathe on his own;
23 the crew rushed him to the hospital, where his prospects remained
24 grim, yet he has since made a full recovery; and

1 WHEREAS, Because of their skill, dedication, and refusal to
2 give up, members of the Mesquite Fire Department rescue teams have
3 given a 25-year-old back his life, and the citizens of Texas are
4 indeed proud to have these valiant individuals on the job; now,
5 therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
7 Legislature hereby commend the members of Engine 6 and 92 Rescue of
8 the Mesquite Fire Department for their skill and compassion and
9 extend to them heartfelt appreciation for their outstanding work;
10 and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
12 prepared for the members of Engine 6 and 92 Rescue as an expression
13 of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.