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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Individuals who spring into action without
2 hesitation to aid their fellow citizens in a time of need are true
3 heroes, and their selflessness inspires others who are moved by
4 their actions; and

5 WHEREAS, Gene Barrera of Corpus Christi and Robert Salinas of
6 Robstown exhibited great bravery by coming to the aid of a woman
7 being attacked following an attempted armed robbery at a Robstown
8 restaurant on February 21, 2007; and

9 WHEREAS, The incident began when a knife-wielding assailant
10 tried to grab money from the cash register at the restaurant's
11 drive-up window and inflicted a small cut on the cashier; the robber
12 then sought to flee the scene by hijacking a vehicle in the parking
13 lot; after several unsuccessful attempts, he assaulted an
14 80-year-old woman parked nearby and smashed out the side window of
15 her car as he tried to force his way into her vehicle; and

16 WHEREAS, While eating lunch at the restaurant, Gene Barrera
17 and Robert Salinas observed the situation unfolding and raced to
18 the woman's aid; Mr. Barrera attempted to stop the robber by
19 striking him with a metal pipe; Mr. Salinas, meanwhile, worked to
20 free the female victim; breaking a window and unlocking the
21 passenger door, Mr. Salinas tried to get her out of the car as he
22 fended off the assailant's slashing knife attack; and

23 WHEREAS, Just before the robber got control of the vehicle,
24 Mr. Salinas succeeded in pulling the woman to safety; the robber

1 sped away in the stolen car but was apprehended by police after a
2 high-speed chase; though shaken by the incident, the woman, Mr.
3 Barrera, and Mr. Salinas all escaped serious injury; and

4 WHEREAS, Valiantly putting themselves in danger to assist a
5 complete stranger, Gene Barrera and Robert Salinas averted a
6 potential tragedy, and their gallantry is truly worthy of special
7 commendation; now therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
9 Legislature hereby honor Gene Barrera and Robert Salinas for their
10 daring rescue of an elderly woman and extend to them heartfelt
11 appreciation for their outstanding heroism; and, be it further

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