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H.R. No. 1833

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Student athletic trainer Jessica Ferris, head
2 soccer coach Tracy Duren, and head athletic trainer Mike "Doc"
3 Pruitt of Trinity High School in Euless have been recognized with
4 Life Saving Awards by the Euless Fire Department for saving the life
5 of a student; and

6 WHEREAS, On November 27, 2006, Trinity senior Manuel "Manny"
7 Garcia was running a two-mile drill during soccer practice when he
8 began to itch and break out in hives; and

9 WHEREAS, Earlier that day, Mr. Garcia had succumbed to
10 temptation and eaten a food item containing yeast for lunch, even
11 though he is allergic to it; now the combination of his allergy and
12 the strenuous exercise was sending him into anaphylactic shock, a
13 potentially life-threatening condition; and

14 WHEREAS, When Mr. Garcia told Coach Tracy Duren that he was
15 having trouble breathing, Coach Duren, who knew of Mr. Garcia's
16 allergy, asked Mr. Garcia for his EpiPen, a device that administers
17 an emergency dose of epinephrine to offset an allergic reaction;
18 unfortunately, Mr. Garcia had forgotten to bring it with him that
19 day; and

20 WHEREAS, Student trainer Jessica Ferris overheard the
21 situation, recalled that there was an EpiPen in the training room,
22 and ran to retrieve it; meanwhile Trinity head trainer Mike Pruitt
23 called 9-1-1; and

24 WHEREAS, Coach Duren and Mr. Pruitt tended to Mr. Garcia, who

1 was quickly losing consciousness; when Ms. Ferris returned with the
2 EpiPen, Mr. Pruitt stuck it into Mr. Garcia's thigh, which
3 immediately made his breathing easier; although Mr. Garcia's
4 condition was still serious, by the time the paramedics arrived a
5 few minutes later, his life was no longer in danger; and

6 WHEREAS, Through quick thinking and decisive action, Coach
7 Duren, Mr. Pruitt, and Ms. Ferris together saved Mr. Garcia's life;
8 on January 29, 2007, the Euless Fire Department presented each of
9 the rescuers with a well-deserved Life Saving Award during a
10 presentation at the school; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
12 Legislature hereby commend Tracy Duren, Mike Pruitt, and Jessica
13 Ferris for their heroic rescue of Mr. Garcia and extend to them best
14 wishes for continued success; and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
16 prepared for Coach Duren, Mr. Pruitt, and Ms. Ferris as an
17 expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.