

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1058

WHEREAS, The Texas Senate takes sincere pride in recognizing the outstanding service of the resolute individuals who came together in a moment of need to render lifesaving assistance to Representative Edmund Kuempel on the night of May 12, 2009; and

WHEREAS, The actions of Jennifer Irby, Trooper Edwin Carpenter, Trooper Antonio Rico, Trooper Diane Riojas, and Representative John Zerwas saved the life of Representative Kuempel when he was stricken by cardiac arrest while working at the Capitol; and

WHEREAS, Representative Kuempel was discovered collapsed and unconscious in a Capitol Extension elevator by Jennifer Irby, a messenger employed in the sergeant-at-arms office in the House; Jennifer's quick thinking was the beginning of a lifesaving process that unfolded in the Capitol shortly after 10:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, Responding swiftly to the severity of the situation and thinking that she would be able to locate a trooper on the first floor of the Capitol for assistance, Jennifer remained with Representative Kuempel and pushed the first floor elevator button; upon arriving on the first floor, she alerted Trooper Carpenter, who immediately began to attend to Representative Kuempel, and, after ascertaining that emergency medical services had been called, used his radio to ask for more assistance from other Texas Department of Public Safety personnel; and

WHEREAS, Trooper Rico, one of the officers who responded to the call, brought an automated external defibrillator to the scene, and he and Trooper Carpenter made the proper preparations for its use; Trooper Rico began to operate the defibrillator while Trooper Diane Riojas administered rescue breathing to Representative Kuempel; Representative John Zerwas, an anesthesiologist, had been alerted to the emergency and had quickly arrived at the scene; he began chest compressions on Representative Kuempel while giving guidance to the others who were working to save Representative Kuempel's life; and

WHEREAS, Each of these individuals worked hastily, yet with great care; maintaining their composure in the face of a struggle to save another's life, they persevered in their efforts toward reviving Representative Kuempel, even after most would have considered the situation to be hopeless; because of their courage, sound judgment, quick thinking, and tenacity, Representative Kuempel received the emergency aid that was necessary to save his life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby pay tribute to Jennifer Irby, Trooper Edwin Carpenter, Trooper Antonio Rico, Trooper Diane Riojas, and Representative John Zerwas for their successful lifesaving efforts and commend them for the determined spirit and perseverance with which they handled this potentially tragic event; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for them as an expression of highest esteem from the Texas Senate.

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Dewhurst, President of the Senate

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I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 29, 2009.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate