

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Officer Justin B. Graham and Corporal Paul D. Ware
2 of the Amarillo Police Department have been awarded the 2010 State
3 of Texas Law Enforcement Achievement Award for Valor from the Texas
4 Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education; and

5 WHEREAS, On May 15, 2010, Officer Graham and Corporal Ware
6 had just completed their respective shifts when they each heard the
7 call for any available units to respond to an apartment complex
8 fire; arriving at the scene, the two officers learned that a
9 67-year-old woman was trapped inside her apartment; and

10 WHEREAS, Acting quickly and decisively, the officers crawled
11 into the burning apartment and found the woman trapped between her
12 couch and a wall; unable to free her at first, Corporal Ware
13 ultimately was able to turn the couch over, enabling Officer Graham
14 to pull the woman free and extinguish the flames in her hair; and

15 WHEREAS, For their courageous service on that day, the two
16 officers were presented with the Amarillo Police Department's Medal
17 of Valor, which has been awarded to only 10 other officers in the
18 history of the department; and

19 WHEREAS, Faced with a desperate situation, Officer Graham and
20 Corporal Ware placed themselves directly in harm's way to attempt
21 to save the life of another person, and their selfless heroism and
22 determination to help a fellow Texan in need make them truly
23 deserving of this special recognition; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas

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1 Legislature hereby congratulate Corporal Paul D. Ware and Officer
2 Justin B. Graham on their receipt of the 2010 State of Texas Law
3 Enforcement Achievement Award for Valor and extend to them sincere
4 appreciation for their steadfast bravery and unwavering dedication
5 to duty; and, be it further

6 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
7 prepared for Officer Graham and Corporal Ware as an expression of
8 high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2786 was adopted by the House on May 30, 2011, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House