

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 909

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Joemari Ortiz for his heroic actions in rescuing four people from a burning vehicle; and

WHEREAS, A specialist in the Texas Army National Guard, Joemari Ortiz was present at the scene when a vehicle passed through an intersection and struck a utility pole head-on, leaving all four passengers of the vehicle dazed and trapped; and

WHEREAS, Disregarding his own safety, Specialist Ortiz immediately crossed the street and led onlookers in a rescue effort, breaking out windows, cutting seat belts, and removing the driver and all the passengers only moments before the entire vehicle was engulfed in flames; and

WHEREAS, In the performance of this selfless act, Specialist Ortiz has brought honor to himself, his family, and the Texas Army National Guard; his compassion and selflessness are truly an inspiration to us all, and it is fitting that he receive recognition for his extraordinary valor; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby commend Joemari Ortiz on his bravery and quick thinking and extend to him best wishes for success in all his endeavors; and, be it further

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

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 12, 2011.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate