

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1007

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Officer Justin B. Graham and Corporal Paul D. Ware of the Amarillo Police Department, who are receiving the 2010 State of Texas Law Enforcement Achievement Award for Valor from the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education; and

**WHEREAS**, On May 15, 2010, Officer Graham and Corporal Ware had completed their 10-hour shifts when a call went out for any units available to respond to an apartment complex fire; and

**WHEREAS**, Upon arriving at the scene and hearing that a 67-year-old woman was trapped in the blaze, these exemplary peace officers entered her smoke-filled apartment; forced to crawl along the floor due to the heavy smoke, they found her between a wall and a couch; and

**WHEREAS**, Unable to pull her free, Corporal Ware was forced to go outside to get more air before he could return to the apartment and overturn the couch where upon Officer Graham was able to extricate the woman from the fire and extinguish the flames that had reached her; they also managed to rescue her dog; and

**WHEREAS**, These courageous officers, who were both treated for smoke inhalation at the scene, demonstrated uncommon bravery and disregard for their own safety in rescuing the victim of the fire, and they are truly deserving of recognition for their impressive actions; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby commend Officer Justin B. Graham and Corporal Paul D. Ware on their quick thinking and decisive action and extend congratulations to them on receiving the 2010 State of Texas Law Enforcement Achievement Award for Valor from the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for them 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 17, 2011.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate