

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 119

WHEREAS, In the aftermath of the tornado system that devastated Moore, Oklahoma, Seth Ringley of McKinney led a relief effort that provided hot meals to some 1,500 victims and volunteers; and

WHEREAS, Taking action soon after a massive tornado tore a path of destruction across the town on May 20, 2013, Mr. Ringley and two friends, Blake Giles and A. J. Newton, began collecting donations from fellow residents in McKinney and organized a trip to prepare fresh meals on-site at the scene of the disaster; they set out on Memorial Day weekend, with Mr. Ringley's mother, Nina Ringley, and her friend, Julie Cooke, also joining the caravan; and

WHEREAS, Working until dark the first day and until they exhausted their supplies on the second, the group assembled a mobile food station and started cooking at the most heavily damaged part of town, where Moore citizens were returning to the wreckage of their homes to collect what belongings could be salvaged; before the Texans' arrival, area residents were largely relying on packaged foods, and the volunteers' meals of smoked brisket, chicken, bread, and vegetables provided a heartening respite from the difficult task at hand; during the McKinney residents' visit, they also fed members of the Civil Air Patrol at the National Guard Armory in Norman; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ringley and his companions' campaign to help the residents of Moore has continued since they left the town, as following their initial call for aid, funds have poured in from caring residents across McKinney and the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex; as of June 6, more than \$40,000 has been raised to provide additional support to persons impacted by the disaster; and

WHEREAS, A lifelong resident of McKinney, Mr. Ringley is a business leader in the telecommunications industry, and he formerly worked as an intern in the office of Ken Paxton during his tenure as a member of the Texas House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, In doing his part to uplift those whose lives were rocked by a truly horrific tragedy, Seth Ringley offered testimony to the most admirable quality of the human spirit, that of selfless concern for others, and his actions are indeed deserving of the highest praise; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby commend Seth Ringley for his contributions to the recovery work in Moore and extend to him sincere best wishes for all the good fortune he so richly deserves; and, be it further

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RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for Mr. Ringley as an expression of high regard by the Texas Senate.

Paxton

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on June 24, 2013.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate