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H.R. No. 1029

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Six El Paso residents, Ulises Prado, Mario
2 Banuelos-Valenzuela, Hector Rodriguez, Irving Martinez, Jose Luna,
3 and Hugo Uribe, earned the admiration and appreciation of their
4 community on August 16, 2012, when they rescued an 18-month-old
5 girl from an attempted kidnapping; and

6 WHEREAS, The men, all tree trimmers for Asplundh Tree Expert
7 Company, were driving back to their work site from lunch, when they
8 were approached by a man who was walking through a neighborhood
9 where children were playing; and

10 WHEREAS, The workers quickly sensed that something was wrong
11 with the man because of his confused manner, when suddenly, he
12 pulled out a knife, jumped onto their truck's sidestep, and began
13 slashing at them; the driver stepped on the gas, causing the
14 assailant to fall from the vehicle, but moments later, they saw him
15 grab a toddler from a nearby yard; and

16 WHEREAS, Immediately maneuvering the truck around, they
17 chased the man down the road and watched as he leapt into an
18 irrigation canal with the child in his arms; he then dropped her
19 into the water while attempting to cross to the other side;
20 Mr. Prado, a former lifeguard, immediately jumped into the canal to
21 retrieve the child, who was unharmed; meanwhile, the perpetrator
22 continued to threaten the men with his knife, but they were
23 eventually able to wrestle him to the ground and hold him there
24 until police arrived; the girl was subsequently returned to her

1 profoundly grateful parents; and

2 WHEREAS, For their courage and quick thinking, the men were
3 recognized with Honorary Deputy Sheriff Awards from the El Paso
4 County Sheriff's Office, as well as with the El Paso Electric
5 Humanitarian Award; and

6 WHEREAS, The decisive actions of these brave men prevented a
7 terrible tragedy, and their immediate response to help a child in
8 grave danger at their own peril has touched the hearts of many
9 people; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
11 Legislature hereby commend Ulises Prado, Mario
12 Banuelos-Valenzuela, Hector Rodriguez, Irving Martinez, Jose Luna,
13 and Hugo Uribe for their heroism in recovering an abducted child and
14 extend to them sincere appreciation for their extraordinary
15 accomplishment; and, be it further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
17 prepared for Mr. Prado, Mr. Banuelos-Valenzuela, Mr. Rodriguez,
18 Mr. Martinez, Mr. Luna, and Mr. Uribe as an expression of high
19 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.