

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, In an extraordinary display of courage and
2 dedication to duty, Deputy Arthur Senteno of the Washington County
3 Sheriff's Office willingly risked his life to rescue an elderly man
4 from a burning home on March 2, 2013; and

5 WHEREAS, Early that morning, Deputy Senteno responded to a
6 9-1-1 call from the man's wife, who told the dispatcher that her
7 husband had gone back into their residence to rescue their dog; and

8 WHEREAS, Flames were shooting nine feet over the roof when
9 Deputy Senteno arrived, and while a volunteer firefighter hastened
10 into his protective gear, the deputy entered the house through the
11 front door, which was ablaze, calling out for the man; and

12 WHEREAS, Crouching in the dense smoke with burning pieces of
13 the ceiling falling around him, Deputy Senteno located the man and
14 asked him if his wife was also in the house; the man was confused, so
15 the deputy forced him out the back door of the house, then went back
16 inside to look for the wife; and

17 WHEREAS, Driven out again by the heat and smoke, Deputy
18 Senteno found the man talking to his wife, who was sitting in their
19 SUV, so he compelled the man to get into the car and ordered the
20 couple to drive away from the house; he then entered the smoke again
21 briefly to look for the dog, until, his throat and lungs burning, he
22 escaped just before he was ready to pass out; and

23 WHEREAS, In the end, the couple were saved, and the brave
24 deputy was treated for smoke inhalation and released; the dog was

1 safe as well, having made its own way out of the fire; and

2 WHEREAS, In placing himself in harm's way to save the life of
3 another, Deputy Senteno embodied the highest ideals of the law
4 enforcement profession, and he is indeed deserving of special
5 recognition for his remarkable act of valor; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
7 Legislature hereby commend Deputy Arthur Senteno for his heroism in
8 rescuing a man from a house fire and extend to him sincere best
9 wishes for continued success with his important work; and, be it
10 further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
12 prepared for Deputy Senteno as an expression of high regard by the
13 Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 1556

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1556 was adopted by the House on April 24, 2013, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House