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H.R. No. 1556

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.