

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, April Lopez of McAllen demonstrated remarkable
2 decisiveness and composure on February 17, 2015, when she came to
3 the aid of a man experiencing a medical emergency; and

4 WHEREAS, A board certified nurse practitioner, Ms. Lopez has
5 spent 17 years as a registered nurse in both emergency rooms and
6 private practice; she currently works at Lopez Family Clinic in
7 McAllen, and she also teaches at her alma mater, The University of
8 Texas--Pan American; and

9 WHEREAS, Ms. Lopez was aboard a flight bound for McAllen from
10 Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport, and shortly after
11 takeoff, the captain began calling for a bystander with medical
12 experience to help assist a male passenger who was sweating and in
13 obvious physical distress; Ms. Lopez responded immediately, and
14 the man informed her that he had cirrhosis, a condition that can be
15 life-threatening in advanced stages; and

16 WHEREAS, With his condition worsening rapidly, Ms. Lopez
17 requested that the plane be landed and enlisted the help of two
18 other passengers to move him to a seat where she could begin
19 rendering aid; she injected him with intravenous fluids and readied
20 the plane's defibrillator to ensure that the man did not suffer
21 cardiac arrest; throughout this harrowing ordeal, Ms. Lopez
22 reassured him with her steady manner and the confidence that she had
23 developed during her career; the plane eventually touched down in
24 Austin, where emergency crews were waiting to rush the man to the

1 hospital for treatment; and

2 WHEREAS, By taking charge of a desperate situation, April
3 Lopez distinguished herself as a caring citizen and a professional
4 of outstanding skill and commitment, and her actions on that day are
5 indeed deserving of special recognition; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
7 Legislature hereby commend April Lopez for her heroism in providing
8 lifesaving assistance to a fellow traveler in need and extend to her
9 sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 827 was adopted by the House on March 12, 2015, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House