

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.

Guerra  
Muñoz, Jr.  
Canales  
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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.

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Chief Clerk of the House