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H.R. No. 865

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Alana Danielle Smith of Houston demonstrated  
2 noteworthy courage and presence of mind when she intervened to foil  
3 a burglary attempt; and

4           WHEREAS, On June 20, 2014, Alana Smith was driving her  
5 father, Dr. Kevin Smith, home from the airport, when the two  
6 encountered an unfamiliar truck in his driveway; the occupants sped  
7 away, suggesting that they had burglarized the house; without  
8 hesitation, Ms. Smith made the decision to give chase in order to  
9 track the suspects' whereabouts for the police; and

10           WHEREAS, After Ms. Smith followed the vehicle for close to  
11 half an hour through neighborhoods and freeways, the suspects  
12 suddenly retaliated by shifting their truck into reverse and  
13 ramming the car driven by Ms. Smith; the situation went on to  
14 escalate even further, as the suspects spun their truck around and  
15 struck her vehicle head-on with a force of approximately 60 miles  
16 per hour; anticipating the impact, Ms. Smith was able to prevent  
17 her car from rolling over as it landed safely in a nearby ditch,  
18 while the suspects' truck also lost control and crashed into the  
19 same ditch 20 yards away; one suspect fled on foot, and police soon  
20 arrived and apprehended the two who remained; the Smiths later  
21 recovered their stolen possessions; and

22           WHEREAS, The strong sense of justice that Ms. Smith exhibited  
23 that day is also evident in her choice to pursue her studies at  
24 South Texas College of Law, where she is currently a first-year law

1 student; Dr. Smith, a Houston-based physician and plastic surgeon,  
2 takes great pride in his daughter, whose natural response to an  
3 emergency was to stand up for what she believes is right; and

4 WHEREAS, Alana Smith's brave actions helped to apprehend two  
5 criminals and to enhance public safety in her community, and she has  
6 earned the well-deserved admiration of many people; now, therefore,  
7 be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
9 Legislature hereby commend Alana Danielle Smith for her quick  
10 thinking and composure in a perilous situation and extend to this  
11 notable young woman and her family sincere best wishes for the  
12 future; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
14 prepared for Ms. Smith as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
15 House of Representatives.