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H.R. No. 1561

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Officer James Vernier of The University of Texas at  
2 Arlington Police Department demonstrated notable skill and  
3 composure when he rendered critical, life-saving assistance during  
4 a sporting event on the campus of UTA on January 10, 2015; and

5 WHEREAS, During a men's basketball game at College Park  
6 Center that evening, one of the game's officials began to  
7 experience chest pains and shortness of breath; he then collapsed,  
8 lost consciousness, and stopped breathing; and

9 WHEREAS, Recognizing the symptoms of cardiac arrest, Officer  
10 Vernier immediately began performing cardiopulmonary resuscitation  
11 on the individual in need; thanks to the officer's skillful  
12 attention, the referee began to breathe again and regained  
13 consciousness; and

14 WHEREAS, Officer Vernier continued to attend to the victim  
15 until the arrival of emergency medical technicians, who took the  
16 man to an Arlington hospital, where he was treated for a heart  
17 attack; and

18 WHEREAS, A UTA police officer for four years, Officer Vernier  
19 has also served with the Texas Air National Guard, and he is  
20 completing a master's degree in criminology and political science;  
21 and

22 WHEREAS, Every day, the peace officers of Texas come to the  
23 aid of individuals in desperate situations, and in providing vital  
24 aid in an emergency, Officer James Vernier has exemplified the

1 highest ideals of his profession; now, therefore, be it

2           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
3 Legislature commend Officer James Vernier for saving a man's life  
4 and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued success and  
5 happiness; and, be it further

6           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
7 prepared for Officer Vernier as an expression of high regard by the  
8 Texas House of Representatives.