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H.R. No. 1588

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Karen Monk of Sour Lake showed remarkable bravery
2 and presence of mind when she made a phone call that helped law
3 enforcement officials in Galveston to apprehend a notorious
4 kidnapping and murder suspect; and

5 WHEREAS, Early on the morning of September 13, 2014, an
6 18-year-old woman at the University of Virginia went missing in
7 Charlottesville; according to witnesses and video surveillance
8 footage, she was last seen with a former hospital worker; after
9 being questioned by police, he disappeared and became the subject
10 of a nationwide manhunt, charged with abduction; and

11 WHEREAS, On September 24, Karen Monk, a single mother and
12 college student from Sour Lake, Texas, decided to take a break from
13 her studies and relax on the beach on the Bolivar Peninsula in
14 Galveston County; there, she saw a man camping on the beach whom she
15 recognized from news reports as the suspect in the student's
16 disappearance; and

17 WHEREAS, Acting without hesitation, Ms. Monk called the
18 Galveston County Sheriff's Office and waited for the arrival of a
19 deputy, who arrested the man; the suspect was extradited to
20 Virginia, where in the time since his arrest, the victim's body was
21 discovered, and the suspect was indicted in her abduction and
22 murder; and

23 WHEREAS, By quickly alerting the authorities, Ms. Monk
24 helped the police bring a potentially dangerous suspect to justice,

1 and she may indeed take great pride in her achievement; now,
2 therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
4 Legislature hereby commend Karen Monk for her critical assistance
5 in the capture of a fugitive and extend to her sincere best wishes
6 for the future; and, be it further

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