

By: White of Tyler

H.R. No. 2538

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Game wardens Morgan Inman, Justin Eddins, and Roy
2 Eddins have been presented with the Director's Life Saving Citation
3 from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for their actions
4 during an incident on Lake Sam Rayburn; and

5 WHEREAS, At noon on June 28, 2014, a man and his 13-year-old
6 son were swimming in the lake at Ebenezer Park when the boy sank
7 beneath the water and failed to resurface; when the father tried to
8 save his son, he was overcome by the water as well and ended up
9 clinging to a buoy; and

10 WHEREAS, Responding to the emergency were three local game
11 wardens, Morgan Inman and Justin Eddins of Jasper County and Roy
12 Eddins of Tyler County, as well as the Jasper County Emergency
13 Corps; two of the wardens were already on the lake in their boats
14 and arrived within five minutes, while the third warden arrived
15 soon thereafter; and

16 WHEREAS, Working together, the three wardens pulled the
17 father from the water, and then they searched for and found his son;
18 although the young man later died in the hospital, his organs were
19 made available for transplant, and at least one individual received
20 a transplanted organ from the boy; and

21 WHEREAS, Thanks to the swift and skillful action taken by
22 these dedicated professionals, an even greater tragedy was averted,
23 and Morgan Inman and Justin and Roy Eddins indeed merit special
24 recognition for their efforts; now, therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
2 Legislature hereby congratulate game wardens Morgan Inman, Justin
3 Eddins, and Roy Eddins on their receipt of the Director's Life
4 Saving Citation from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and
5 extend to them sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it
6 further

7 RESOLVED, That official copies of this resolution be prepared
8 for Morgan Inman, Justin Eddins, and Roy Eddins as an expression of
9 high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.