

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Officer Billy Cruz of the Arlington Police  
2 Department placed himself directly in harm's way on the evening of  
3 May 5, 2015, when he aided in the rescue of a number of people from a  
4 fire at an apartment complex; and

5           WHEREAS, Officer Cruz and another police officer were on the  
6 scene attending to an unrelated call when they smelled smoke  
7 emanating from a row of apartments, where a three-alarm fire had  
8 broken out; acting quickly, they ran into the apartments to alert  
9 the residents and usher them to safety; despite lacking any sort of  
10 protective or breathing gear, the officers went on to make multiple  
11 trips into the path of danger to ensure that every resident was  
12 evacuated; and

13           WHEREAS, Thanks to the officers' heroic actions, everyone in  
14 the burning buildings escaped unharmed, including an infant;  
15 Officer Cruz and his partner were treated for smoke inhalation at a  
16 local hospital and ultimately released; and

17           WHEREAS, In risking his own life to save the lives of others,  
18 Officer Billy Cruz embodied the highest ideals of the law  
19 enforcement profession, and he is indeed deserving of our esteem  
20 and gratitude for his steadfast bravery; now, therefore, be it

21           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
22 Legislature hereby commend Officer Billy Cruz for his act of valor  
23 in rescuing a group of fellow citizens from a fire and extend to him  
24 sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

H.R. No. 2644

1           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
2 prepared for Officer Cruz as an expression of high regard by the  
3 Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2644 was adopted by the House on May 21, 2015, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House