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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

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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.