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H.R. No. 2713

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A team of first responders from the Lake Rayburn
2 Fire Department played an important role in the water rescue of a
3 fellow Texan in Jasper County on April 27, 2015; and

4 WHEREAS, Heavy rains early that morning had caused Mill Creek
5 to overflow its banks, covering a county road with water; when a
6 local resident tried to drive through the water in her pickup truck,
7 the current forced her vehicle into the creek, where she was
8 trapped; and

9 WHEREAS, At 11:30 a.m., a deputy of the Jasper County
10 Sheriff's Department came across the partially submerged vehicle
11 and realized that someone was inside it, and he summoned
12 assistance; Sheriff Mitchel Newman and the team from the Lake
13 Rayburn Fire Department arrived as a result of his call, and they
14 worked together to quickly and efficiently break the truck's
15 window, pull the driver out, and escort her through the water to
16 safety; and

17 WHEREAS, The dedicated members of the Lake Rayburn Fire
18 Department who contributed to the rescue include Brett Holloway,
19 Brittainy Lendo, Ed O'Brien, Bruce Tilley, Randy Bridges, Kevin
20 Holloway, Desiree Holley, Nuke Newcomb, Krista Krone, Jeff
21 Dougherty, Cade Lemoine, Jeremy Cochran, Colin Randolph, Chris
22 Lendo, April Lendo, and Ashley Hargrove; and

23 WHEREAS, Thanks to the swift and coordinated action of the
24 Lake Rayburn Fire Department and the members of the sheriff's

1 department, a woman was rescued from desperate circumstances, and a
2 potential tragedy was narrowly averted; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
4 Legislature hereby commend the members of the Lake Rayburn Fire
5 Department for helping to rescue a citizen in need and extend to
6 them sincere best wishes for continued success with their important
7 work; and, be it further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
9 prepared for the Lake Rayburn Fire Department as an expression of
10 high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.