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RESOLUTION

- 1 WHEREAS, Sheriff Mitchel Newman and Deputy Kevin Holloway of
- 2 the Jasper County Sheriff's Department played an important role in
- 3 the water rescue of a fellow Texan on April 27, 2015; and
- 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 11:25 a.m., Deputy Holloway came across the
- 10 partially submerged vehicle and realized that someone was inside
- 11 it, and he summoned assistance; Sheriff Newman and a team from the
- 12 Lake Rayburn Fire Department arrived as a result of his call, and
- 13 they worked together to quickly and efficiently break the truck's
- 14 window, pull the driver out, and escort her through the water to
- 15 safety; and
- 16 WHEREAS, Thanks to the swift and coordinated action of Deputy
- 17 Holloway, Sheriff Newman, and the other first responders on the
- 18 scene, a woman was rescued from desperate circumstances, and a
- 19 potential tragedy was narrowly averted; now, therefore, be it
- 20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
- 21 Legislature hereby commend Sheriff Mitchel Newman and Deputy Kevin
- 22 Holloway for helping to rescue a citizen in need and extend to them
- 23 sincere best wishes for continued success with their important
- 24 work; and, be it further

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- 1 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 2 prepared for Sheriff Newman and Deputy Holloway as an expression of
- 3 high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2719 was adopted by the House on May 21, 2015, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House