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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Through their swift and heroic actions, a number of
2 first responders in Montgomery County were instrumental in saving
3 the life of a man on February 24, 2016; and

4 WHEREAS, That day, Jonathan Arteaga was working on leveling a
5 mobile home when the 18-ton structure suddenly fell on top of him,
6 pinning him underneath; within minutes of the 9-1-1 call being
7 made, two deputies from the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office,
8 Brad Crandell and Kenneth Morris, arrived on the scene; after
9 determining that Mr. Arteaga still had a pulse, they enlisted the
10 help of Peter Baty of Magnolia Towing, who used a wrecker to lift
11 the home and free the gravely injured man; and

12 WHEREAS, Members of the Magnolia Volunteer Fire Department
13 promptly began performing cardiopulmonary resuscitation on
14 Mr. Arteaga, whose heart by then had stopped beating, and
15 paramedics from the Montgomery County Hospital District
16 subsequently initiated an advanced procedure known as a simple
17 thoracostomy in an attempt to reinflate his crushed lungs; the
18 procedure succeeded in restoring Mr. Arteaga's pulse, and the crews
19 moved quickly to transport him to Tomball Regional Medical Center,
20 where a trauma surgeon was standing by; once stabilized,
21 Mr. Arteaga was transferred by Life Flight to Memorial
22 Hermann--Texas Medical Center for further treatment; today, having
23 survived in the face of tremendous odds, he continues to make gains
24 on his long road to recovery; and

1 WHEREAS, Deserving of profound gratitude and recognition for
2 their role in rescuing Mr. Arteaga are in-charge paramedics Carol
3 Finnegan and Micheal Fischer, attendant Isaac Shaul, supervisor
4 Sherry Sullivan, and call taker Danielle Williams of the Montgomery
5 County Hospital District; deputies Brad Crandell, Kenneth Morris,
6 and David Lasalle of the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office;
7 captains Galen Hargrave and Scott Geminden, firefighters Colby
8 Anderson, Aaron Duhon, Brad LeVrier, Davin Heitmeyer, and Jacob
9 Griffith, battalion chief Keith Soliz, and assistant chief Kevin
10 Walters of the Magnolia Volunteer Fire Department; Peter Baty of
11 Magnolia Towing; Tomball Regional Medical Center; and the Memorial
12 Hermann Health System; and

13 WHEREAS, By acting with skill and composure when every second
14 counted, these dedicated individuals helped to prevent a crisis
15 situation from becoming a tragedy, and in so doing, they
16 demonstrated extraordinary commitment to their work and to the
17 safety and welfare of the public; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
19 Legislature hereby commend the men and women involved in the rescue
20 of Jonathan Arteaga and extend to them sincere best wishes for the
21 future.