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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, In an outstanding demonstration of bravery and
2 dedication to duty, Cooke County Sheriff's Deputies David Walters
3 and Marc Parsons, Corporal Justin Stamps, and Fire Marshal Ray
4 Fletcher helped to rescue a woman and her 10-month-old infant from
5 raging floodwaters on June 2, 2016; and

6 WHEREAS, Together, these four individuals responded to the
7 emergency after the sheriff's office received a report of a vehicle
8 being swept away; Deputies Walters and Parsons and Fire Marshal
9 Fletcher immediately donned flotation vests and secured an anchor
10 point to a nearby tree, where they attached several hundred feet of
11 rope; meanwhile, Corporal Stamps was further assessing the
12 situation and directing other responding units; and

13 WHEREAS, The stranded automobile was pinned against a tree an
14 eighth of a mile away in swift-moving water that was as deep as
15 three and a half feet in some places; due to the extreme danger of
16 the situation and the possibility of the car being dislodged by the
17 current at any moment, all four men quickly entered the water and
18 made their way to the vehicle, navigating a part of the distance
19 beyond the length of the rope; on reaching the woman and her baby,
20 Deputy Walters gave the mother his flotation vest and, with the
21 assistance of Corporal Stamps, carried the infant to emergency
22 services personnel, while Deputy Parsons and Fire Marshal Fletcher
23 led the woman to safety; and

24 WHEREAS, Each rescuer was presented with a well-deserved Life

1 Saving Award by the Cooke County sheriff for their actions on that
2 harrowing day, and it is indeed a privilege to join in expressing
3 heartfelt gratitude to these courageous public servants; now,
4 therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
6 Legislature hereby commend Deputies David Walters and Marc Parsons,
7 Corporal Justin Stamps, and Fire Marshal Ray Fletcher for their
8 daring rescue of a woman and child on June 2, 2016, and extend to
9 them sincere gratitude for their remarkable heroism; and, be it
10 further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
12 prepared for Deputies Walters and Parsons, Corporal Stamps, and
13 Fire Marshal Fletcher as an expression of high regard by the Texas
14 House of Representatives.