

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Eight-year-old Zachary Cousin of Winnsboro
2 demonstrated courage and presence of mind well beyond his years on
3 April 29, 2017, when he helped rescue his family after a traumatic
4 accident; and

5 WHEREAS, The son of Holly and Seth Cousin, Zachary was
6 accompanying his parents and his siblings, 10-year-old Carter and
7 10-month-old Birdie, on a trip to visit relatives when they found
8 themselves in the path of a tornado on Highway 98; the twister swept
9 their sport utility vehicle off the roadway and sent it rolling
10 several times; and

11 WHEREAS, After regaining consciousness, Zachary saw that his
12 parents and siblings were alive but badly injured; he first helped
13 his older brother out of the back row of seats, and after escaping
14 the SUV, the two boys made their way to the road, where their mother
15 was trying to flag down a passing car for help; and

16 WHEREAS, Zachary then returned to the SUV, where after
17 several attempts, he was able to free his infant sister from her car
18 seat; he carefully pulled Birdie through a small opening and then
19 brought her to their mother; Zachary returned a second time to
20 attempt to help his father, but Mr. Cousin was trapped inside the
21 severely damaged vehicle; and

22 WHEREAS, Zachary's mother was soon able to stop a passing
23 motorist, who rushed her and the children to a nearby hospital; a
24 short while later, first responders rescued Zachary's father using

1 the Jaws of Life; fortunate to have survived this harrowing
2 incident, the family continues to support one another as they
3 recover from their injuries; and

4 WHEREAS, In a dire situation, Zachary Cousin distinguished
5 himself as an exceptionally brave and capable young Texan, and his
6 remarkable heroism is an inspiration to all who know him; now,
7 therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
9 Legislature hereby honor Zachary Cousin for his efforts to rescue
10 his family after a serious vehicle accident and extend to him and
11 his loved ones sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it
12 further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for Zachary Cousin as an expression of high regard by the
15 Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 2543

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2543 was adopted by the House on May 28, 2017, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House