

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 429

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Alex Graves, Tex "T." Mitchell IV, Aaron Walls, and Jake Yepez for their quick thinking and decisive action in saving the life of their scout leader, Tex Mitchell III; and

WHEREAS, Alex, T., Aaron, and Jake are members of Boy Scout Troop 410 of Austin; they were aboard a 24-foot keelboat under the direction of Mr. Mitchell and were participating in a racing event sponsored by the Lake Belton Yacht Club; one of the boys had never crewed before, and the other three had only sailed under adult supervision; and

WHEREAS, During the race, Mr. Mitchell suddenly fell ill and gradually became incapacitated; Aaron and Jake began administering first aid while T. and Alex trimmed the sails and engaged the outboard motor to maneuver the boat back toward the marina; and

WHEREAS, Upon reaching the marina, the boys discovered that emergency responders were already en route to the location; the group was taken to Scott and White Hospital in Temple, where it was discovered that Mr. Mitchell had suffered a major heart attack and required the placement of stents in two of his coronary arteries; and

WHEREAS, Thanks to the quick actions of these four young men, Mr. Mitchell suffered no lasting heart damage and is expected to make a full recovery; they are truly deserving of special recognition; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 85th Legislature, hereby commend Alex Graves, Tex "T." Mitchell IV, Aaron Walls, and Jake Yepez on their courage and their composure under pressure while saving Mr. Mitchell's life and express its admiration for their decisive actions; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for these outstanding young men as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

Watson

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 15, 2017.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate