

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 810

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Senior Trooper Earl "Dub" Gillum, of the Texas Department of Public Safety, for his distinguished career in law enforcement and for his multiple acts of valor in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, Dub Gillum is a staff sergeant in the Public Information and Safety Education division of the Texas Highway Patrol; he has faced extreme danger in the course of his 27-year career with the highway patrol, and he nearly lost his life in 1998 due to gunshot wounds; and

WHEREAS, On October 1, 1998, while on patrol near Granbury, Officer Gillum stopped a reckless and speeding driver, Charlie Edward Cook; the driver, a felon wanted on seven separate felony charges, immediately fired on Officer Gillum from his truck, blinding him with a shot to his temple and ultimately shooting him 10 times; the wounded officer was able to call for backup, and the shooter was shot and killed after he opened fire on pursuing authorities who had tracked him to a nearby wooded area; State Trooper Gillum was off-duty for 14 months to recover after the incident, and during this time, he underwent 10 surgeries to regain his vision; and

WHEREAS, In the years that have followed, Trooper Gillum has continued to exemplify the highest ideals of his profession; he was recently recognized for providing life-saving care to a stranded motorist, Paul Lilly, chief of police for a university; Chief Lilly had gone into heart failure while Trooper Gillum was providing roadside assistance to him for a flat tire; and

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WHEREAS, An exemplary law enforcement officer, Senior Trooper Dub Gillum has shown great courage and uncommon perseverance in carrying out his responsibilities, and he has worked diligently to ensure that his colleagues and their families have had the support and resources they need in times of loss and struggle; he is indeed deserving of recognition for his kindness and his steadfast dedication to duty; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 85th Legislature, hereby commend Senior Trooper Earl "Dub" Gillum for his acts of heroism and his valor and extend to him best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the
above Resolution was adopted by
the Senate on May 18, 2017.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate