

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 817

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Deputy Andre Caracciolo, of the Tarrant County Sheriff's Office, who is being honored with a Medal of Valor for his heroism; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Caracciolo is a decorated veteran of the United States Army who completed a tour of duty in Iraq; he has been a member of the Tarrant County Sheriff's Office for more than nine years; he is a field training officer and serves as a member of the North Patrol Division and the sheriff's tactical unit; and

WHEREAS, On December 30, 2016, Deputies Andre Caracciolo and Robert Meza responded to a dispatched call to assist the fire department; upon arrival at the scene, the deputies observed a vehicle and the primary residence partially engulfed in flames; and

WHEREAS, When they approached the residence, they heard voices from within the burning structure, and disregarding their own safety, they entered the building to locate and rescue the occupants; despite the presence of explosions elsewhere in the residence, the deputies pushed forward and located a man in the kitchen area and escorted him outside to safety; Deputy Caracciolo then reentered the home and was able to confirm that no one else was inside; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Caracciolo suffered smoke inhalation and required medical attention as a result of his heroic actions; it is truly fitting that he receive special recognition for his bravery; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 85th Legislature, hereby commend Deputy Andre Caracciolo on his quick thinking and decisive action and extend to him best wishes for continued success in all his endeavors; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him as an expression of high regard 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 19, 2017.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate