

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 919

WHEREAS, Zachary Cousin of Winnsboro exhibited remarkable bravery, fortitude, and maturity when he came to the aid of his family in the aftermath of a tornado on April 29, 2017; and

WHEREAS, An eight-year-old student at Winnsboro Elementary School, Zachary Cousin, together with his parents and his brother and sister, was driving to visit family when a tornado flipped their sport utility vehicle and rolled it over several times, knocking nearly everyone in the car unconscious; and

WHEREAS, When Zachary woke up, he heard his loved ones moaning in pain and quickly took action; while his mother, Holly Cousin, made her way to the side of the road in an attempt to find help, Zachary tried to free his father, Seth Cousin, who was trapped inside the twisted vehicle; and

WHEREAS, Despite his desperate efforts, Zachary was unable to pull his father out of the wreckage, so he turned his attention to his 10-year-old brother, Carter, extricating him from the rear row of seats and taking him to join their mother; he then returned to the car and, after several tense moments of struggle, removed his 10-month-old sister, Birdie, from her car seat, drew her out of the car, and carried her to her mother's arms; and

WHEREAS, A passing couple took Zachary, his mother, and his siblings to a local hospital, and a team of first responders later freed Mr. Cousin from the vehicle; all the members of the family suffered serious injuries, including Zachary, who was treated for lacerations to his head; and

WHEREAS, When his loved ones were in danger, Zachary Cousin rose to the occasion and helped avert a tragic outcome, and he is truly deserving of special recognition; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 85th Legislature, hereby commend Zachary Cousin for his heroic actions on April 29, 2017, and extend to him and his family sincere best wishes for a full recovery; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for Zachary as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

Hughes

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the
above Resolution was adopted by
the Senate on May 27, 2017.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate