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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Angie Powell, a nurse from Pickens County, Alabama, demonstrated remarkable compassion and composure when she came to the aid of a man experiencing a medical emergency at the airport; and

WHEREAS, Currently the director of nursing at Aliceville Manor Nursing Home in Aliceville, Alabama, Ms. Powell has spent 27 years in the nursing field; on January 18, 2019, she was waiting at the airport in Birmingham to board a flight to Chicago, when a nearby man, Ray Oliverson, suddenly collapsed to the floor; she stepped forward as a call rang out for medical assistance, and after being unable to detect Mr. Oliverson's pulse, she immediately began performing chest compressions on him; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Powell recalled seeing an automatic electric defibrillator device in the building and asked another bystander to retrieve it; at this time, a man who was a certified CPR instructor offered to help, and together, Ms. Powell and the volunteer alternated administering the AED and performing CPR until Mr. Oliverson's pulse finally returned; after Mr. Oliverson regained consciousness, he was taken to the hospital by paramedics; Mr. Oliverson is the father of State Representative Tom Oliverson, and Ms. Powell's caring and skillful actions on that day earned her the profound gratitude of the victim's family; and

WHEREAS, When confronted with a crisis situation, Angie Powell remained calm and drew upon her training as a nurse to save the life of a fellow traveler in need, and she distinguished herself as a hero and a true credit to her profession; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas Legislature hereby honor Angie Powell for rendering medical aid to Ray Oliverson on January 18, 2019, and extend to her sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be prepared for Ms. Powell as an expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.