H.R. No. 2163

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Pastor Jeff King of Bear Creek Bible Church in Keller is being hailed as a hero after providing a tip to the Fort Worth Police Department that led to the safe return of a kidnapped child; and

WHEREAS, On May 18, 2019, an eight-year-old girl was abducted by a man in a car while walking with her mother, and the make and color of the perpetrator's vehicle was soon thereafter reported in an Amber Alert; learning that the victim was the daughter of a childhood friend, Pastor King enlisted the help of another friend to search for the car, and at the suggestion of police, they focused on local apartment buildings, hotels, and parks; their efforts proved fruitless for several hours, but soon after arriving at a Forest Hill hotel 12 miles from where the girl had been taken, they spotted the suspect's car; and

WHEREAS, After receiving Pastor King's tip, officers raided a room at the hotel and found both the victim and the suspect; the girl was transported to a local hospital in good condition, and she was soon united with her elated and profoundly grateful family; the suspect has been charged with aggravated kidnapping; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Jeff King's assistance proved vital in rescuing a child in grave danger, and citizens across the state are deeply appreciative of the initiative that he demonstrated in a time of crisis; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas Legislature hereby honor Jeff King for helping to secure the safe return of an eight-year-old kidnapping victim and extend to him sincere gratitude for his essential contributions; and, be it further

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

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2163 was adopted by the House on May 27, 2019, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House