

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 729**

**WHEREAS**, Corporal Joshua Moer of the Texas Department of Public Safety has been honored as the 2018 Trooper of the Year by the International Association of Chiefs of Police in recognition of his swift, decisive, and courageous actions that were instrumental in saving the life of an individual who had been kidnapped; and

**WHEREAS**, On the morning of April 26, 2018, a 20-year-old woman was abducted in Norman, Oklahoma, by her estranged boyfriend, who held her captive during a harrowing three-hour drive; the perpetrator's vehicle was spotted shortly after it crossed the Oklahoma-Texas border on I-44, and numerous Texas law enforcement agencies joined in a chase through the Wichita Falls area that reached speeds of nearly 150 miles per hour; and

**WHEREAS**, Officers managed to lay a spike strip across the road near Vernon that successfully disabled the suspect's car; Corporal Moer was one of the first on the scene, and as he and other officers approached, the kidnapped woman ran from the car in a desperate attempt to escape; her assailant gave chase, tackled her to the ground, and began to stab her; and

**WHEREAS**, Corporal Moer fired a shot and ordered the man to stop; the perpetrator continued his attack, and Corporal Moer and another officer fired their weapons, striking the man and killing him; working in conjunction with the other first responders, Corporal Moer assisted in providing first aid to the woman, who had suffered more than a dozen stab wounds; thanks to the officers' intervention and the prompt medical attention that followed, she survived; a month later, she traveled back to

Wichita Falls to personally thank the individuals who rescued her; and

**WHEREAS,** Acting with calm dispatch in a critical situation, Corporal Joshua Moer succeeded in stopping a near-fatal attack, and his lifesaving efforts indeed merit this prestigious honor; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That the Senate of the State of Texas, 86th Legislature, hereby congratulate Corporal Joshua Moer on his well-deserved selection as the 2018 Trooper of the Year by the International Association of Chiefs of Police and extend to him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

**RESOLVED,** That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for Mr. Moer as an expression of high regard by the Texas Senate.

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Patrick, President of the Senate

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I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 13, 2019.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate