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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Dakota Stroud, a member of the Weatherford Fire Department, was awarded a Medal of Valor and Citation Bar in recognition of the heroism he demonstrated while rescuing a man from a car accident on July 10, 2021; and

WHEREAS, On that day, Mr. Stroud had just completed a 24-hour shift and was on the road with his wife when he happened upon the scene of an accident on Mambrino Highway near Granbury, where a driver had lost control of his vehicle and collided with a tree; the driver, a 19-year-old man, was pinned inside of his vehicle, which had rolled onto its passenger side and caught fire; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Stroud retrieved a small fire extinguisher from his truck, approached the vehicle, and called out for the driver, who was injured and unable to escape; flames were rapidly approaching the young man, and after temporarily extinguishing them, Mr. Stroud climbed on top of the vehicle and began attempting to free the victim; when the fire again spread into the cabin, Mr. Stroud resorted to grabbing the man and using all of his strength to pull him out from where he was trapped, allowing him to finally escape as the vehicle was only seconds away from becoming fully engulfed in flames; and

WHEREAS, With the help of a bystander, Mr. Stroud was able to carry the injured man to the shoulder of the road, where he and an off-duty nurse assessed his injuries; after emergency medical services arrived on the scene, Mr. Stroud remained with the man until a helicopter transported him to a hospital for lifesaving treatment; later, Mr. Stroud made contact with the victim's family, who informed him that he was stable and expected to make a full recovery; and

WHEREAS, During a moment of crisis, Dakota Stroud put his life on the line to rescue a fellow Texan in need, and in so doing, he exemplified the noblest ideals of public service; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby congratulate Dakota Stroud on his receipt of a Medal of Valor and Citation Bar from the Weatherford Fire Department 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. Stroud as an expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.