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## RESOLUTION

- 1 WHEREAS, Dakota Stroud, a member of the Weatherford Fire
- 2 Department, was awarded a Medal of Valor and Citation Bar in
- 3 recognition of the heroism he demonstrated while rescuing a man
- 4 from a car accident on July 10, 2021; and
- 5 WHEREAS, On that day, Mr. Stroud had just completed a 24-hour
- 6 shift and was on the road with his wife when he happened upon the
- 7 scene of an accident on Mambrino Highway near Granbury, where a
- 8 driver had lost control of his vehicle and collided with a tree; the
- 9 driver, a 19-year-old man, was pinned inside of his vehicle, which
- 10 had rolled onto its passenger side and caught fire; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Mr. Stroud retrieved a small fire extinguisher from
- 12 his truck, approached the vehicle, and called out for the driver,
- 13 who was injured and unable to escape; flames were rapidly
- 14 approaching the young man, and after temporarily extinguishing
- 15 them, Mr. Stroud climbed on top of the vehicle and began attempting
- 16 to free the victim; when the fire again spread into the cabin,
- 17 Mr. Stroud resorted to grabbing the man and using all of his
- 18 strength to pull him out from where he was trapped, allowing him to
- 19 finally escape as the vehicle was only seconds away from becoming
- 20 fully engulfed in flames; and
- 21 WHEREAS, With the help of a bystander, Mr. Stroud was able to
- 22 carry the injured man to the shoulder of the road, where he and an
- 23 off-duty nurse assessed his injuries; after emergency medical
- 24 services arrived on the scene, Mr. Stroud remained with the man

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- 1 until a helicopter transported him to a hospital for lifesaving
- 2 treatment; later, Mr. Stroud made contact with the victim's family,
- 3 who informed him that he was stable and expected to make a full
- 4 recovery; and
- 5 WHEREAS, During a moment of crisis, Dakota Stroud put his
- 6 life on the line to rescue a fellow Texan in need, and in so doing,
- 7 he exemplified the noblest ideals of public service; now,
- 8 therefore, be it
- 9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
- 10 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby congratulate Dakota Stroud
- 11 on his receipt of a Medal of Valor and Citation Bar from the
- 12 Weatherford Fire Department and extend to him sincere best wishes
- 13 for the future; and, be it further
- 14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 15 prepared for Mr. Stroud as an expression of high regard by the Texas
- 16 House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 113 was adopted by the House on September 2, 2021, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House