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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Socorro police officer Joshua Gonzalez demonstrated
2 great courage in the line of duty when he rescued three people from
3 a burning home on July 6, 2020; and

4 WHEREAS, Officer Gonzalez was patrolling the area when he
5 spotted heavy black smoke rising from a residential area on Gohman
6 Street; he headed to the scene to find two trailer homes engulfed in
7 flames, which were spreading to an adjacent residence; and

8 WHEREAS, After learning that there were people inside the
9 home that was beginning to catch fire, Officer Gonzalez attempted
10 to break a window; when that didn't work, he entered through the
11 door, as large flames engulfed the residence; despite the dense
12 smoke, he was able to locate two adult women and an eight-year-old
13 boy inside and led them out to safety; he then secured the scene
14 until firefighters arrived; and

15 WHEREAS, Officer Gonzalez had only been working for the
16 Socorro Police Department for two weeks when he made headlines for
17 his heroic rescue; the 25-year-old officer had previously served
18 for more than four years with the Horizon City Police Department;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, Joshua Gonzalez bravely put himself in harm's way in
21 order to save the lives of others, and in so doing, he has
22 distinguished himself as an exemplary member of the law enforcement
23 profession; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas

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1 Legislature hereby commend Joshua Gonzalez of the Socorro Police
2 Department for rescuing a family from a fire and extend to him
3 sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

4 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
5 prepared for Officer Gonzalez as an expression of high regard by the
6 Texas House of Representatives.