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H.R. No. 508

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Officer Austin Rollins of the Waxahachie Police  
2 Department distinguished himself through his selfless and heroic  
3 efforts to rescue a motorist following a traffic accident on  
4 January 9, 2021; and

5           WHEREAS, That day, the motorist was waiting in a restaurant  
6 drive-through lane when he experienced a seizure that caused him to  
7 inadvertently push on his car's accelerator pedal; the vehicle  
8 struck several others in the parking lot before careening across  
9 six lanes of traffic on Highway 77 and colliding with a natural gas  
10 meter; and

11           WHEREAS, The first to arrive on the scene, Officer Rollins  
12 immediately noticed the roaring sound of natural gas escaping from  
13 the damaged meter and recognized the extreme danger of the  
14 situation; despite the risk of explosion, he rushed to rescue the  
15 unconscious motorist, dragging him out of the vehicle and across a  
16 parking lot to safety; and

17           WHEREAS, Thanks to the brave and decisive action of Officer  
18 Rollins, an extremely perilous situation was resolved without loss  
19 of life; in recognition of his valor, he was presented with a letter  
20 of commendation from the Waxahachie City Council on January 19; and

21           WHEREAS, Every day, Texas peace officers are called to the  
22 aid of individuals in desperate circumstances, and in helping to  
23 save the life of a fellow citizen, Officer Austin Rollins has  
24 demonstrated the courage and skill that define his profession; now,

1 therefore, be it

2           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas  
3 Legislature hereby commend Officer Austin Rollins for rescuing a  
4 motorist following a traffic accident and extend to him sincere  
5 appreciation for his dedication and heroism; and, be it further

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