

SHORT TITLE: Commending Second Lieutenant Jerry Lawson, Trooper Kevin Cox and Trooper Roger Starling for receiving Humanitarianism Trooper of the Year Awards; distribution.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 45th Legislature (1995)

SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 12

By: Taylor of the Senate

and

Steidley of the House

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution commending Second Lieutenant Jerry Lawson, Trooper Kevin Cox and Trooper Roger Starling for receiving Humanitarianism Trooper of the Year awards; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, on April 11, 1994, there were numerous roads flooded in the Troop L area, which is the northeast corner of the state; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Carol Ann Barkley and her daughter were enroute from Claremore to their home in Inola, Oklahoma. They decided to take Flint Road, a shortcut to Inola. Due to darkness, they did not realize the road was flooded. The car quickly became submerged; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Barkley utilized her cellular phone to contact the Oklahoma Highway Patrol dispatcher in Vinita, Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, the car was rapidly filling up with water when Troopers Kevin Cox, Roger Starling and Jerry Lawson arrived at the scene. Fearing for their lives, Mrs. Barkley kept contact by cellular phone. The three troopers, placing their lives in danger, entered the wildly rushing waters to rescue Mrs. Barkley and her daughter from the almost totally submerged vehicle and led them through pouring rain to dry land; and

WHEREAS, the troopers remained with Mrs. Barkley and her daughter until they were calm enough to return home. Mrs. Barkley said that without the rescue by these troopers, she believed she and her daughter would have lost their lives. Mrs. Barkley further

stated that the troopers went far beyond the call of duty, and that their compassion and dedication was exemplary; and

WHEREAS, Second Lieutenant Jerry Lawson, Trooper Kevin Cox and Trooper Roger Starling received Trooper of the Year awards for Humanitarianism for the performance of their duties and exceptional meritorious conduct involving exemplary courage, risk and danger to personal safety.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 45TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature commends Second Lieutenant Jerry Lawson, Trooper Kevin Cox and Trooper Roger Starling for receiving Humanitarianism Trooper of the Year awards.

THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to Second Lieutenant Jerry Lawson, Trooper Kevin Cox and Trooper Roger Starling.

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