

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE
RESOLUTION 1085

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A Resolution honoring News 9 helicopter pilot Mason Dunn for his tireless efforts to bring breaking news to the Oklahoma viewing audience; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Mason Dunn has changed the way KWTV - News 9 is able to report breaking news; and

WHEREAS, Mason Dunn through his aeronautic skills and dedication to the people of Oklahoma chases storms and reports on breaking weather alerts; and

WHEREAS, Mason Dunn has become the first line of defense for fighting fires, police chases and searching for missing children; and

WHEREAS, in 2005 Mason Dunn's skills as a pilot enabled him to help police keep suspects spotted when officers on the ground would have lost them; and

WHEREAS, in 2005 a suspect surrendered to Ranger 9 when Mason tracked him after police had lost the suspect; and

WHEREAS, on January 28, 2005, after receiving the description of a stolen car, Mason was able to find the stolen car and then direct police to the suspects after they had fled on foot and would have been lost to officers on the ground; and

WHEREAS, while flying over the wildfires spreading throughout the state, Mason Dunn reported live on CNN, Fox News and CBS National News allowing the country to see the devastation and hard work of fighting fires; and

WHEREAS, Mason Dunn on a number of occasions helped direct water and chemical drops because of the lack of communication available between rural fire fighters and air support; and

WHEREAS, Mason has spent as many as 18 hours flying and refueling in one day battling wind, rain, and fatigue in his attempt to help the people of this state; and

WHEREAS, Mason takes time from his busy days to fly to schools and spend time with the children in their classrooms, becoming a hero and a role model for them to follow.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 50TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives honors Mason Dunn for his hard work, commitment, and professionalism.

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives esteems Mason Dunn for his dedication to KWTV - News 9.

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives offers Mason Dunn their gratitude and respect for his unfailing efforts on behalf of the State of Oklahoma.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Mason Dunn and the KWTV - News 9 Team.

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