

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE
RESOLUTION 113

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AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution honoring the heroism of Trooper Joe Standridge; commending him for receiving the 2005 Highway Users Federation Heroism Award; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Oklahoma Highway Patrol Trooper Joe Standridge made a traffic stop on US-259 north of the US-70 bypass in McCurtain County at approximately 6:00 PM, March 15, 2005. The driver of the vehicle provided identification which indicated he was wanted, armed, and dangerous. Trooper Standridge contacted the McCurtain County Sheriff's office for backup. When the backup arrived, Trooper Standridge ordered the driver to step out of the vehicle but instead the driver attempted to flee; and

WHEREAS, Trooper Joe Standridge fired two rounds at the vehicle's tire as the driver sped away. Broken Bow Police established two different road blocks and, deploying stop sticks, deflated the fleeing vehicle's tires. The vehicle stopped south of Broken Bow; and

WHEREAS, Trooper Joe Standridge and other law enforcement units were shot at by the driver who was firing an assault rifle. Some of the shots hit the ground in front of Trooper Standridge, who returned fire and struck the subject in the left wrist. When Trooper Standridge ordered him out of the vehicle, the subject threw down his rifle, got out of his vehicle, and was taken into custody; and

WHEREAS, it was determined that the driver was a member of an outlaw motorcycle gang and had been indicted for possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine, possession with intent to distribute marijuana, and possession of firearms during drug trafficking. Besides the assault rifle, a .22 magnum pistol, a shotgun, a .357 magnum hand gun, ammunition, about 99 grams of methamphetamine, one pound of marijuana, a police scanner, scales, and clear plastic bags were found; and

WHEREAS, Trooper Joe Standridge's actions in the face of mortal danger resulted in the capture of a dangerous subject with no deaths and no injury to law enforcement officers or civilians. It was this event that resulted in his selection for the 2005 Highway Users Federation Heroism Award.

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

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate honors Joe Standridge for his heroism protecting the citizens of Oklahoma.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate commends and congratulates Trooper Joe Standridge for selection as the recipient of the 2005 Highway Users Federation Heroism Award.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Oklahoma Highway Patrol Trooper Joe Standridge and Oklahoma Department of Public Safety Commissioner Kevin Ward.

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