

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 CONCURRENT
3 RESOLUTION NO. 94

By: Laster, Adelson, Aldridge,
Anderson, Ballenger,
Barrington, Bass, Bingman,
Branan, Brogdon, Brown,
Burrage, Coates, Coffee,
Corn, Crain, Crutchfield,
Easley, Eason McIntyre,
Ford, Garrison, Gumm,
Ivester, Johnson
(Constance), Johnson
(Mike), Jolley, Justice,
Lamb, Laughlin, Leftwich,
Lerblance, Mazzei, Morgan,
Myers, Nichols, Paddack,
Rabon, Reynolds, Rice,
Riley, Schulz, Sparks,
Sweeden, Sykes, Wilcoxson,
Williamson, Wilson and
Wyrick of the Senate

12 and

13 Steele of the House

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16 A Concurrent Resolution honoring Trooper Joe Howard
17 for his heroic action that saved the lives of two
18 people threatened by flood waters; congratulating him
19 as a recipient of the 2007 Oklahoma Highway Users
20 Federation Trooper of the Year award for heroism; and
21 directing distribution.

22 WHEREAS, last August 19th as Hurricane Erin lashed this portion
23 of the nation, local media was able to broadcast live the dramatic
24 rescue of Bernice and Leroy Krittenbrink of Kingfisher, Oklahoma, as

1 their truck steadily submerged in flood waters, threatening to sweep
2 the couple away in the raging currents; and

3 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Brian Sturgill and Trooper Joe Howard of the
4 Oklahoma Highway Patrol were joined by Kingfisher Fire Chief Randy
5 Poindexter in their Oklahoma Highway Patrol helicopter in the rescue
6 operation. As the nation, including the Krittenbrink's daughter in
7 Utah, watched, the Oklahoma Highway Patrol helicopter painstakingly
8 navigated the swirling waters, submerged trees, and floating debris
9 to rescue first Bernice and then Leroy Krittenbrink. Both victims
10 were too exhausted to hang on to the skids and fell off during the
11 first attempt. While Lieutenant Sturgill piloted the aircraft,
12 Trooper Howard gave directions and Chief Poindexter assisted in the
13 rescue. It was Trooper Joe Howard whose expert directions allowed
14 the helicopter to position itself to safely perform the rescue and
15 it was he who extended to the victims the hand that secured,
16 ensured, and saved the lives of the Krittenbrinks.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION
18 OF THE 51ST OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
19 CONCURRING THEREIN:

20 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature honors Oklahoma Highway
21 Patrol Trooper Joe Howard for his heroic action that saved the lives
22 of two people threatened by flood waters.

23 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature congratulates Oklahoma
24 Highway Patrol Trooper Joe Howard as a recipient of the 2007

