

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 51st Legislature (2008)

3 SENATE CONCURRENT
4 RESOLUTION 94

By: Laster of the Senate

5 and

6 Steele of the House

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8 AS INTRODUCED

9 A Concurrent Resolution honoring Trooper Joe Howard
10 for his heroic action that saved the lives of two
11 people threatened by flood waters; congratulating him
12 as a recipient of the 2007 Oklahoma Highway Users
13 Federation Trooper of the Year award for heroism; and
14 directing distribution.

15 WHEREAS, last August 19th as Hurricane Erin lashed this portion
16 of the nation, local media was able to broadcast live the dramatic
17 rescue of Bernice and Leroy Krittenbrink of Kingfisher, Oklahoma, as
18 their truck steadily submerged in flood waters, threatening to sweep
19 the couple away in the raging currents; and

20 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Brian Sturgill and Trooper Joe Howard of the
21 Oklahoma Highway Patrol were joined by Kingfisher Fire Chief Randy
22 Poindexter in their Oklahoma Highway Patrol helicopter in the rescue
23 operation. As the nation, including the Krittenbrink's daughter in
24 Utah, watched, the Oklahoma Highway Patrol helicopter painstakingly
navigated the swirling waters, submerged trees, and floating debris

1 to rescue first Bernice and then Leroy Krittenbrink. Both victims
2 were too exhausted to hang on to the skids and fell off during the
3 first attempt. While Lieutenant Sturgill piloted the aircraft,
4 Trooper Howard gave directions and Chief Poindexter assisted in the
5 rescue. It was Trooper Joe Howard whose expert directions allowed
6 the helicopter to position itself to safely perform the rescue and
7 it was he who extended to the victims the hand that secured,
8 ensured, and saved the lives of the Krittenbrinks.

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION
10 OF THE 51ST OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
11 CONCURRING THEREIN:

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

15 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature congratulates Oklahoma
16 Highway Patrol Trooper Joe Howard as a recipient of the 2007
17 Oklahoma Highway Users Federation Trooper of the Year award for
18 heroism.

19 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Oklahoma
20 Highway Patrol Trooper Joe Howard and to Oklahoma Department of
21 Public Safety Commissioner Kevin L. Ward.

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