

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 SENATE CONCURRENT
4 RESOLUTION 95

By: Laster of the Senate

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6 Cargill of the House

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8 AS INTRODUCED

9 A Concurrent Resolution honoring Lieutenant Brian
10 Sturgill for his heroic action that saved the lives
11 of two people threatened by flood waters;
12 congratulating him as a recipient of the 2007
13 Oklahoma Highway Users Federation Trooper of the Year
14 award for heroism; and 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. Lieutenant Sturgill's skills and bravery in piloting the
6 Oklahoma Highway Patrol helicopter were directly responsible for the
7 safe return of all involved.

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

11 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature honors Lieutenant Brian
12 Sturgill of the Oklahoma Highway Patrol for his heroic action that
13 saved the lives of two people threatened by flood waters.

14 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature congratulates Lieutenant
15 Brian Sturgill of the Oklahoma Highway Patrol as a recipient of the
16 2007 Oklahoma Highway Users Federation Trooper of the Year award for
17 heroism.

18 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Lieutenant
19 Brian Sturgill of the Oklahoma Highway Patrol and to Oklahoma
20 Department of Public Safety Commissioner Kevin L. Ward.

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