

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 841

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A RESOLUTION to honor the professionals and others who heroically assisted citizens in distress during recent flooding in Dickson County.

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee is blessed with dedicated first responders, firefighters, law enforcement officers, and everyday citizens who are willing to risk their personal safety, even their lives, to come to the aid of persons in distress during times of disaster and crisis; and

WHEREAS, on February 17, 2018, as water levels were rapidly rising after hours of steady rain, a truck with two occupants attempted to cross Garner Creek on Sam Hollow Road, which does not have a bridge at that crossing, in western Dickson County; and

WHEREAS, the fast-flowing creek water pushed the vehicle downstream; quickly caught up on an obstruction in the creek, the vehicle was mostly covered in water; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee City Volunteer Fire Department and Dickson Fire and Rescue sprang into action and were assisted on the scene by the Dickson County Sherriff's Office and a church group from the nearby Garner Creek Retreat Center; and

WHEREAS, as the vehicle teetered, on the verge of breaking loose from the obstruction and being carried downstream, first responders tossed bags containing rope and life vests to the stranded couple; and

WHEREAS, the man and woman were then pulled to safety across the swift creek waters by the first responders; and

WHEREAS, the first responders and those who assisted them saved the lives of two of their fellow citizens, and their courage and decisive action during the emergency should be recognized; and

WHEREAS, we wish to extend our gratitude and approbation to these brave professionals and citizens for their heroic actions on that fateful day; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend the members of the Tennessee City Volunteer Fire Department, Dickson Fire and Rescue, and Dickson County Sherriff's Office and the church group from Garner Creek Retreat Center for their heroism in coming to the rescue of two endangered citizens during recent flooding in Dickson County and thank them for a dangerous job well done.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.