

HOUSE RESOLUTION 18

By Littleton

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Kyle Ruf of Dickson County for his heroic actions on February 6, 2019.

WHEREAS, throughout much of its history, Tennessee has been known as the Volunteer State. It has been the home of many valiant men, women, and children who have responded with great courage and strength of character in times of trouble and adversity; and

WHEREAS, one such commendable Tennessean is Kyle Ruf, whose quick thinking and selfless regard for those around him surely saved the life of Kallie Byram on February 6, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ruf, who serves as chairman of the Water Authority of Dickson County and owns an insurance business, was meeting with County Mayor Bob Rial, county economic development consultant Darrell James, attorney Ben Regen, and county economic development coordinator Alex Wilson that evening when Mayor Rial was notified of a tornado warning in the area; and

WHEREAS, while driving around the area to assess the damage and look for ways to help, the group encountered a car drifting in the deep water with Kallie Byram, her three-year-old daughter, Julia, and her boyfriend, Stan Rozar inside; Mr. Rozar, carrying the child, managed to wade over to the group, but Ms. Byram was pulled away by the current toward a nearby culvert; and

WHEREAS, Kallie Byram, completely submerged by the strong current, held on to the side of the culvert for "up to a minute" before Kyle Ruf found her arm under the water and pulled her to safety just before she passed out from lack of oxygen. She was reunited with her daughter and Mr. Rozar before Mayor Dial drove the three of them to Horizon Medical Center; thanks to the heroic actions of Mr. Ruf, Ms. Byram is not only alive, but escaped the encounter with only scratches and bruises; and

WHEREAS, Kyle Ruf is a citizen of whom the Volunteer State is most proud, and he should be recognized for his heroic act; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and commend Kyle Ruf of Dickson County for his bravery and quick thinking that saved the life of Kallie Byram.

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