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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 491

Offered March 8, 2004

Commending Kim Franklin, Joel Franklin, Bill Ramsey, and the Mount Cross Volunteer Fire Department.

Patrons—Hurt, Dudley and Marshall, D.W.; Senator: Hawkins

WHEREAS, in the early morning hours of March 1, 2004, the stillness along Whitmell School Road in Danville was shattered by the sound of a car crashing and flipping over several times; and

WHEREAS, Kim Franklin and Joel Franklin, who live nearby, and Bill Ramsey, who was visiting the area, heard the crash and ran to the scene to offer assistance; and

WHEREAS, the driver of the car had been thrown from the vehicle, but an 18-month old baby was trapped in his car seat in the wrecked and upside-down vehicle; and

WHEREAS, to make the situation more perilous, gasoline ignited by the car's tailpipe placed the baby in even graver danger; and

WHEREAS, Kim Franklin was at first unable to detach the baby from the car seat, but with Bill Ramsey working to extinguish the fire, Joel Franklin was able to free the boy from his car seat and remove him from the car; and

WHEREAS, the Mount Cross Volunteer Fire Department, called seconds after the accident, arrived on the scene in less than five minutes and took over medical treatment of the baby and the driver of the car; and

WHEREAS, the quick-witted and selfless actions of Kim Franklin, Joel Franklin, and Bill Ramsey clearly averted a tragedy and saved a young life, and the quick and professional response of the Mount Cross Volunteer Fire Department was instrumental in the survival of the victims of the crash; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Kim Franklin, Joel Franklin, Bill Ramsey, and the Mount Cross Volunteer Fire Department for their courageous and selfless actions on March 1, 2004; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare copies of this resolution for presentation to Kim Franklin, Joel Franklin, Bill Ramsey, and the Mount Cross Volunteer Fire Department as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration and gratitude for their actions.

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