

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 5

BY REPRESENTATIVE PUGH

A RESOLUTION

To commend Josh Burns of Ponchatoula for heroism.

WHEREAS, it is fitting to commend extraordinary acts of heroism; and

WHEREAS, former Green Beret Josh Burns of Ponchatoula, while traveling with wife Felicia on Interstate 55 in October of 2016, demonstrated one such extraordinary act when he put aside his personal concerns to come to the aid of others; and

WHEREAS, Josh jumped thirty feet into the water below an elevated portion of southbound Interstate 55 after he spotted a dump truck that had gone over the side; bystanders on the span above assisted his life-saving efforts by lowering tools to break the truck's windows, and Josh was able to safely pull two passengers from the submerged vehicle and help the dazed driver to the shore; and

WHEREAS, in true hero fashion, Josh Burns downplayed his role in the dramatic rescue and said, "It was just a matter of timing ... I guess God had a plan and I'm thankful I was a part of it."

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Josh Burns for his tremendous heroism in saving the lives of three of his fellow citizens and does hereby express pride and admiration for a job well done.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Josh Burns.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES