

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 18

BY REPRESENTATIVE BROADWATER

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Steven Michael Paulus upon receipt of the Carnegie Medal in recognition of an outstanding act of heroism

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Louisiana State Police Senior Technician Steven Michael Paulus upon receipt
3 of the Carnegie Medal from the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission in recognition of
4 an outstanding act of heroism.

5 WHEREAS, in 1904, industrialist-philanthropist Andrew Carnegie endowed a fund
6 to recognize outstanding civilian heroism throughout the United States and Canada by those
7 who risk their lives to an extraordinary degree while saving or attempting to save the lives
8 of others; and

9 WHEREAS, on February 19, 2016, Louisiana State Police Senior Technician Steven
10 Paulus observed smoke rising from the southbound lanes of the Causeway Bridge, the result
11 of a two-car accident; as he approached the vehicle furthest from him, it burst into flames;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Trooper Paulus physically wrestled open the jammed driver's side door,
14 ushered the driver to safety, and turned his attention to the front seat passenger as the flames
15 increased in intensity; and

16 WHEREAS, reentering the burning vehicle, Trooper Paulus crossed the width of the
17 front seat and pulled the passenger safely from the vehicle immediately prior to flames
18 overtaking the seats the rescue victims had occupied; and

19 WHEREAS, Shane Ward, a citizen who stopped to assist Trooper Paulus, said, "this
20 state trooper's actions were nothing short of heroic" and credited Trooper Paulus with saving
21 the lives of Alecia Lee and Kala Perkins, the fiery vehicle's occupants; and

1 WHEREAS, in the one hundred thirteen years since the Carnegie Hero Fund was
2 established, nine thousand nine hundred thirty-four heroes have been awarded the Carnegie
3 Medal; and

4 WHEREAS, the selfless acts of Trooper Paulus on that February day in 2016
5 represent the heroism for which the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission was founded, and it
6 is fitting to recognize his award of the Carnegie Medal for heroism.

7 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
8 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Senior Technician Steven Michael Paulus
9 upon receipt of the Carnegie Medal for heroism; and does hereby express best hopes and
10 wishes for his safety as he executes his duties as a Louisiana state police trooper.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
12 to Steven Michael Paulus.

DIGEST

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