

Senate Resolution 1173

By: Senators Hill of the 4th, Wilkinson of the 50th, Harper of the 7th, Cowsert of the 46th, Albers of the 56th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Corporal Connie Morris and Sergeant Bruce Cleveland and recognizing them
2 upon being chosen as the 2015 Peace Officers of the Year for Valor; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, on May 12, 2015, Stephens County officers Corporal Connie Morris and
4 Sergeant Bruce Cleveland were dispatched to a multi-vehicle accident on Highway 106, in
5 Stephens County; and

6 WHEREAS, flames had erupted before they reached the scene, and Corporal Morris and
7 Sergeant Cleveland attempted to tame the raging fire with a fire extinguisher in an effort to
8 save a woman trapped in one of the vehicles; and

9 WHEREAS, unable to separate the vehicles involved, and fearing full flame engulfment of
10 both vehicles, the deputies made the decision to extricate the driver, though it risked
11 inflicting additional injuries; and

12 WHEREAS, Sergeant Cleveland fought back the flames long enough to allow Corporal
13 Morris, a volunteer firefighter, and other rescuers to work and to break the steering wheel off,
14 pulling the victim from the vehicle in a feat of unimaginable strength; and

15 WHEREAS, the rescued victim survived because of the swift and heroic actions of Corporal
16 Connie Morris and Sergeant Bruce Cleveland, along with others who assisted in the rescue;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, because of their brave and selfless acts, they have been selected as the 2015
19 Officers of the Year for Valor, nominated by Sheriff Randy Shirley of the Stephens County
20 Sheriff's Office.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
22 commend Corporal Connie Morris and Sergeant Bruce Cleveland for their heroic actions and
23 recognize them upon being selected as the 2015 Peace Officers of the Year for Valor.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
25 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Corporal Connie
26 Morris and Sergeant Bruce Cleveland.