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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 117

BY ATTEBERRY and SCHERRMAN

A Resolution recognizing Mr. Joe Stepanek and Mr.

Brandon Trapp for their acts of heroism.

WHEREAS, on October 27, 2001, Mr. Joe Stepanek and Mr. Brandon Trapp, both residents of Manchester, Iowa, were witnesses to a horrific accident in which two vehicles collided head-on, resulting in one of the vehicles rolling into a ditch and its engine bursting into flames; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Stepanek and Mr. Trapp came to the rescue of the rolled vehicle's passengers despite the great danger presented by the burning engine and the likelihood it would ignite the vehicle's gas tank; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Stepanek's and Mr. Trapp's efforts involved freeing two passengers from the burning vehicle and then returning to rescue a third passenger; and

WHEREAS, both gentlemen succeeded in freeing the third passenger by using a pocketknife to cut through her seat belt only minutes before the gas tank exploded, destroying the vehicle; and

WHEREAS, without Mr. Stepanek's and Mr. Trapp's efforts, three individuals might have perished as a result of the vehicles' collision and the ensuing fire; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, That the House of Representatives hereby recognizes and honors Mr. Joe Stepanek and Mr. Brandon Trapp for their steely calm, tremendous bravery, and selfless

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1 acts of heroism in the face of extreme danger during
2 the events of October 27, 2001.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an official copy of
4 this Resolution be prepared for presentation to Mr.
5 Joe Stepanek and Mr. Brandon Trapp.

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