

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1807

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending the Mission Township fire department.

WHEREAS, The Topeka area finished 2005 with 48 inches of rain making 2005 the fourth-wettest year on record. On the weekend of October 1 and 2 as much as 12 inches of rain fell in areas of Jackson and Jefferson counties; and

WHEREAS, In the early morning hours of October 2 personnel from the Mission Township fire department participated in emergency water operations when individuals were surprised by flood waters placing their lives in danger. Fire Chief Anthony Buckland, acting as the water rescue team leader, entered the fast moving flood waters to rescue a family of four—father, mother and two children found clinging to a tree. Lieutenant Darin Daniels, qualified as a swift water rescue technician, left the safety of his boat on two occasions to rescue three people who had been swept from their vehicles. These seven individuals most likely would have drowned but for the heroic efforts of the Mission Township water response team; and

WHEREAS, Individuals involved in these rescue efforts were: Chief Anthony Buckland, water rescue team leader; Lieutenant Darin Daniels, swift water rescue technician; EMT Hal Moore, boat captain and EMT Roger Dahlby, primary patient care technician. Station coverage was provided by: Assistant Chief Brian Christiansen, Captain Forrest Walter, Duty Officer Erin Baker, Volunteer Captain Buford Johnson, Volunteer Captain Michael Razo and Volunteer Firefighter Nick Hilderbrand. Other participants were Duty Officer Travis Sutton, Volunteer Firefighter Travis Carlile, Volunteer Firefighter Scott Scurlock and Volunteer Firefighter Michael Keyes; and

WHEREAS, These Mission Township fire fighters responded to needs outside of their township, and because of their specialized training and unselfish acts none of the terrified individuals caught in swiftly flowing flood waters died. Because of their brave response to this emergency a county-wide water response team has been created led by Chief Buckland: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we congratulate and commend the members of the Mission Township fire department for their heroic deeds during the early morning hours of October 2; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate provide an enrolled copy of this resolution to Chief Anthony Buckland, Mission Township Fire Department, 3101 Urish Road, Topeka, KS 66614.

Senate Resolution No. 1807 was sponsored by Senator Vicki Schmidt.

I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the SENATE, and was adopted by that body

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*President of the Senate.*

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*Secretary of the Senate.*