

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1866

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Steve Errebo for rescuing Michele Pasley and three of her children from a burning vehicle.

WHEREAS, Steve Errebo, a farmer and Lincoln County Commissioner, rescued Tescott residents Michele Pasley and three of her children, 3-year-old twins Danika and Justin, and 1-year-old Loni Marie, from her burning minivan in July of 2009; and

WHEREAS, Due to dusty conditions caused by wheat being harvested, Mrs. Pasley did not see Mr. Errebo's wheat truck until it was too late, causing her to strike him from behind. The impact of the collision trapped her inside the vehicle, which promptly caught fire, as well as causing the surrounding wheat stubble field to catch fire. Mr. Errebo heard her cries for help and pulled the three Pasley children to safety through a broken window, before finally pulling Mrs. Pasley free as well. The two adults and three children made it to safety shortly before the gas tank blew and the entire van was engulfed in flames; and

WHEREAS, The twins, Justin and Danika, were flown to Wichita to be treated for their injuries. Justin was released in two days and Danika in about 10 days. Mrs. Pasley and the youngest child, Loni, were both unharmed. The family considers Mr. Errebo to be their angel, and are forever grateful for his life-saving acts; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Errebo was surprised by Representative Elaine Bowers, as well as Steve Howe on behalf of Representative Jerry Moran, Kansas EMS Board Executive Director Robert Waller, Lincoln County Emergency Manager Rod Job, Lincoln County EMS Director Wendy Gronau, Sheriff Russ Black, and Mr. and Mrs. Pasley and their children, when they presented Mr. Errebo with several awards for his heroism, including a Medal of Valor on behalf of Lincoln County. Representative Bowers also alerted the magazine Reader's Digest of the heroic action taken by Mr. Errebo, resulting in a feature story about the incident: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we congratulate and commend Steve Errebo for his immediate response to this emergency situation, for his selfless and courageous acts in the face of imminent danger, and for saving the lives of Michele, Justin, Danika and Loni Marie Pasley; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to provide an enrolled copy of this resolution to Steve Errebo.

Senate Resolution No. 1866 was sponsored by Senator Jay Emler.

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.*