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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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PICKETT, STABACK, SWANGER, YOUNGBLOOD AND CLYMER,
OCTOBER 12, 2012

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, OCTOBER
12, 2012

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the members of Boy Scout Troop 313 of Audubon,
2 Montgomery County, for their heroic efforts in saving a man's
3 life and providing assistance to their fellow scouts in a
4 time of great need.

5 WHEREAS, On June 16, 2012, a troop leader of Boy Scout Troop
6 538, located in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, experienced a serious
7 accident while hiking at Ricketts Glen State Park; and

8 WHEREAS, The troop leader fell nearly 40 feet into a rocky
9 ravine while leading members of Troop 538 on a hike; and

10 WHEREAS, Members of Troop 538 immediately began to climb down
11 into the ravine to administer first aid to their troop leader;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Members of Troop 313 of Audubon arrived at the scene
14 at nearly the same time, as they, too, were hiking the trail;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, The two troops quickly decided that Troop 313 should

1 take over the administration of first aid, while the victim's
2 son, an Eagle Scout, and other members of Troop 538, rushed to a
3 park ranger's station to seek help and arrange for a wilderness
4 rescue; and

5 WHEREAS, Members of Troop 313 kept the victim immobile and
6 calm for nearly three hours while waiting for emergency
7 personnel to arrive; and

8 WHEREAS, Members of Troop 313 also assisted in the emergency
9 ravine extraction and, upon reaching the top of the ravine,
10 assisted in carrying the injured individual to an awaiting ATV
11 for transport; and

12 WHEREAS, One scout remained with the victim and emergency
13 personnel, continuing to provide support and first aid to the
14 victim until he was airlifted to a hospital for further
15 treatment; and

16 WHEREAS, The victim endured several life-threatening injuries
17 and later recalled that all scouts present were calm, reassuring
18 and highly competent in the administration of first aid; and

19 WHEREAS, Both troops exhibited exemplary communication,
20 organization and leadership skills; therefore be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
22 members of Boy Scout Troop 313 for their heroic efforts in
23 saving a man's life and providing assistance to their fellow
24 scouts in a time of great need.