

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 6006

A RESOLUTION Congratulating and commending the rescuers of Timothy Potter.

WHEREAS, Timothy Potter, 18, of Goddard owes his life to the quick response to his call for help by two Goddard City Police Officers, Mike Costello and Chris Stout, by a local school district officer, Ronny Lieurance, and a neighbor, Linda Musil; and

WHEREAS, Timothy Potter was driving to pick up his brother from school when he swerved to miss a deer. His vehicle, a Chevrolet van, slipped off the road, spun, rolled over and ended right side up on the road afire with Timothy Potter's foot being pinned by the parking brake; and

WHEREAS, Timothy called 911, which call was received at the Goddard police station. It took Officers Costello, Stout and Lieurance three minutes to arrive at the accident scene. Even before their arrival, though, Linda Musil, a neighbor in the area, flagged down a school bus, took the bus' fire extinguisher and was attempting to put out a smoldering engine fire. The officers tried to pull Potter from the van without success. Officer Lieurance crawled under the smoking van where he was able to dislodge Potter's leg from the parking brake. Suddenly, fire from the motor caused the passenger air bag to explode knocking Officer Stout out of the van. Officer Costello, who was wearing leather gloves, was able to pull the flaming air bag out of the way and together the officers succeeded in removing Timothy from the van. Shortly thereafter the van was engulfed in flames. Timothy was treated at Wesley Medical Center for some bruises and scrapes and released: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas: That we congratulate and commend Officers Costello, Lieurance and Stout and Linda Musil for their immediate response to this emergency condition, for their heroic acts in the face of imminent danger and for saving the life of 18-year-old Timothy Potter.

House Resolution No. 6006 was sponsored by Daniel J. Thimesch.

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

Speaker of the House.

Chief Clerk of the House.