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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 34

BY HOFFMAN

A Resolution honoring Mr. Roger Rusch and Mrs. Connie Rusch for their acts of heroism in saving the lives of Aleshea Cogdill and Ashley Neddermeyer.

WHEREAS, On June 8, 2002, a single-car accident occurred near the farm home of Mr. Rusch and the now deceased Mrs. Rusch, west of the town of Schleswig, in Crawford County, Iowa; and

WHEREAS, having heard the accident, Mr. and Mrs. Rusch endangered their own lives by attempting to extinguish the burning car and removing Ashley Neddermeyer by breaking the back window when the doors to the burning vehicle would not open; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rusch further endangered himself by returning to the burning car and removing the unconscious Aleshea Cogdill also through the back window of the car; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Rusch stayed with and ministered to the young girls until emergency rescue units arrived; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, That Mrs. Connie Rusch be honored posthumously and remembered by the citizens of the State of Iowa for her remarkable courage and heroism without regard to her own personal safety; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Mr. Roger Rusch be honored and commended by the House of Representatives for his quick thinking, his courage, and his heroism, without regard to his own personal safety, by pulling

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1 both girls from the burning wreckage; and  
2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this  
3 resolution be prepared and presented to Mr. Roger  
4 Rusch.

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