

House Resolution 1315

By: Representatives Efstoration of the 104th, England of the 116th, Harrell of the 106th, and Chandler of the 105th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Amy Oates Ranel and Drew Ridgley; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Amy Oates Ranel, an executive producer for Fox 5 News, and Drew Ridgley,
3 a student at Georgia Gwinnett College, alerted the residents of a home which had caught fire,
4 ultimately saving the lives of the sleeping occupants; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Gwinnett County firefighters responded to a house fire on the 2100 block of
6 West Drowning Creek Road the morning of January 8, 2014, battling a blaze that began
7 inside a garage and quickly spread to the main home's second story and attic; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Ms. Ranel was beginning her morning commute just after 5:00 that fateful
9 morning, when she noticed smoke and flames towering from the back of a Dacula home; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Mr. Ridgley, who was also passing by the home and spotted the flames,
11 proceeded to help Ms. Ranel alert the residents of the impending fire; and
- 12 WHEREAS, responding firefighters found a large, semi-attached garage/workshop that was
13 fully engulfed in flames, as well as four vehicles; the blaze spread to the second floor and
14 attic of the nearby home and crews deployed multiple hoses to attack it from the outside; and
- 15 WHEREAS, because of the courageous action displayed by these two brave Georgians, four
16 lives were saved; it is abundantly fitting and proper that they be appropriately recognized.
- 17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
18 the members of this body recognize and commend Amy Oates Ranel and Drew Ridgley on
19 their bravery and heroism.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
21 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Amy Oates Ranel and Drew
22 Ridgley.