

House Resolution 1620

By: Representative Ralston of the 7th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Daniel Stephens; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Daniel Stephens is a Cadet Senior Airman in the Civil Air Patrol, 507 Ellijay
3 Composite Squadron; and

4 WHEREAS, the Civil Air Patrol performs more than 95 percent of all search and rescue
5 operations in the United States and assists the Federal Emergency Management Agency and
6 local emergency management agencies in relief efforts after natural and man-made disasters;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, in January, 2014, Daniel Stephens, along with his brother Gage, witnessed a
9 motor vehicle accident involving a woman whose pickup truck slid off the side of a mountain
10 in north Georgia as a result of dangerous conditions caused by a severe winter storm; and

11 WHEREAS, the woman suffered multiple broken ribs, a broken hip, a lower back injury, and
12 a partially dislocated shoulder when she attempted to vacate the vehicle and tumbled nearly
13 100 feet down the side of the mountain; and

14 WHEREAS, using training acquired in the classroom and field exercises from Civil Air
15 Patrol, Cadet Senior Airman Stephens quickly scaled the terrain, stabilized the woman, and
16 prevented her from falling nearly another 150 feet to the bottom; and

17 WHEREAS, Stephens exposed himself to the elements when he took off his own coat and
18 gloves and used them to keep the woman warm, sending his younger brother Gage back to
19 their house to call 911 and bring back several blankets; and

20 WHEREAS, by the time emergency personnel arrived, Stephens had immobilized the
21 woman's neck and spine to prevent further injury; and

22 WHEREAS, in the words of Gilmer County Fire Chief and EMA director Tony Pritchett,
23 "Stephens followed directions explicitly, provided detailed information about the woman's
24 condition, and had appropriately taken steps to prevent further injury. He was a great asset
25 to the EMS team; we were happy he was there."

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
27 the members of this body commend Daniel Stephens, Cadet Senior Airman in the Civil Air
28 Patrol, 507 Ellijay Composite Squadron, for his heroic efforts, risking his own safety in his
29 effort to aid a seriously injured fellow citizen.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
31 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Daniel Stephens.