

House Resolution 455

By: Representatives Hitchens of the 161st and Burns of the 159th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Rincon City K-9 Police Officer Ian Gallagher; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Rincon City K-9 Police Officer Ian Gallagher is an honest and dedicated public
3 servant who strives for excellence in all of his endeavors and whose primary concern is the
4 welfare and safety of his fellow citizens; and

5 WHEREAS, during the recent Freedom Rings Parade in Rincon, a vehicle was driven around
6 barriers and past police officers toward the parade route, causing panic and forcing
7 pedestrians to dash for cover to avoid being hit; and

8 WHEREAS, demonstrating quick thinking and his determination to protect the innocent
9 bystanders, Officer Gallagher drove head-on into the suspect's vehicle in a courageous
10 attempt to save others from injury; and

11 WHEREAS, thanks to his selfless actions and the efforts of other officers and civilians on
12 scene, none of the more than 600 parade attendees were injured and the suspect was arrested;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Officer Gallagher is highly regarded by the citizens of his community and by
15 state and local government officials as a man of unquestioned integrity and dedication to the
16 administration of justice and sound principles of law enforcement; and

17 WHEREAS, this spirited law enforcement professional has exhibited extraordinary devotion
18 to duty, outstanding loyalty, fine leadership, and a willingness to sacrifice his own safety in
19 the name of serving and protecting others; and

20 WHEREAS, his inspiring commitment to the welfare of others is an outstanding example of
21 the positive effect law enforcement professionals have on the lives and well-being of others;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that gratitude is expressed for the unique and
24 often unheralded contributions of local law enforcement professionals on behalf of the
25 citizens of this state.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
27 the members of this body commend the care, courage, sympathy, and selfless dedication
28 exhibited by Rincon City K-9 Police Officer Ian Gallagher and express their utmost
29 appreciation for his alacritous and selfless actions during the Freedom Rings Parade.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
31 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
32 Rincon City K-9 Police Officer Ian Gallagher.