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# S. RES. 80

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 15, 1999

Mr. COVERDELL (for himself and Mr. CLELAND) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

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# RESOLUTION

Congratulating Boyd Clines, Larry Rogers, and Matt Moseley for their bravery and courage in the April 12, 1999, rescue mission of Mr. Ivers Sims.

Whereas on April 12, 1999, a treacherous fire erupted in a historic cotton mill in Atlanta, Georgia, and Mr. Ivers Sims, a construction worker, found himself suspended 180 feet in the air trapped by raging flames surrounding him;

Whereas Boyd Clines, a Georgia Department of Natural Resources pilot, and his navigator, Larry Rogers, arrived on the scene and negotiated a helicopter through the menacing wind, smoke, and fire which emanated from the cotton mill, while an Atlanta firefighter, Matt Moseley,

dangled from a rope near the flames, all in an attempt to save Mr. Sims;

Whereas Boyd Clines, Larry Rogers, and Matt Moseley, in the true spirit of heroism, demonstrated amazing courage and valor in risking their lives in order to save the life of Mr. Sims;

Whereas the teamwork, dedication, and bravery that Boyd Clines, Larry Rogers, and Matt Moseley displayed during the rescue mission enabled the mission to be successful;

Whereas Atlanta firefighters, police officers, Sheriffs deputies, and residents diligently worked together in order to fight the massive fire that engulfed the historic cotton mill;

Whereas Atlanta residents at home during the fire helped during the crisis by reseuing pets and using garden hoses to extinguish the flames emanating from burning debris;

Whereas the Atlanta firefighters, facing shortages of equipment and personnel, heroically contained a fire that could have spread beyond the cotton mill and enveloped a historic neighborhood now being revitalized;

Whereas the fire crisis of April 12, 1999, shall be remembered not for the tragic loss of the historic cotton mill, but instead for the heroism and bravery displayed by Boyd Clines, Larry Rogers, and Matt Moseley; and

Whereas it should be recognized that Boyd Clines, Larry Rogers, and Matt Moseley have brought pride and honor to the State of Georgia: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2               (1) congratulates Boyd Clines, Larry Rogers,

3       and Matt Moseley for the bravery and heroism that

1 they displayed during the April 12, 1999, rescue  
2 mission of Mr. Ivers Sims; and

3 (2) commends Atlanta firefighters, police offi-  
4 cers, Sheriffs deputies, and residents for the out-  
5 standing teamwork that they displayed in fighting  
6 the fire of the cotton mill.

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