

PRESIDENT: LR 34 is adopted. LR 36.

CLERK: Mr. President, 36 offered by Senator Abboud, found on page 844. (Read brief description of LR 36.)

PRESIDENT: Senator Abboud, please.

SENATOR ABOUD: Mr. President, colleagues, this resolution is a bit more serious. It involves a constituent of mine who witnessed an accident on Interstate 80 last Saturday night, an accident in which he pulled three individuals from a burning automobile. He put his own life above the interests of some other people. And I think that they had a rather interesting account of it in the local paper. The paper stated that Mr. Hauptman gave this account of the incident. The Mustang just blew up after it hit another automobile. Mr. Hauptman and a friend stopped but initially were held at bay by the blaze. There was nothing I could do at this point because there was about four feet of flames on either side of the car, Hauptman said. Hauptman and another man, who had stopped to help, got a fire extinguisher from a truck driver but couldn't get it to work. Hauptman burned his hand as he opened the door, thick smoke around the car began to dissipate but the flames were all over. The guys were burning, he said. Hauptman pulled the driver from the front seat, then reached for the passenger on the back seat. His hair, all of his clothing, everything was on fire, Hauptman said. He tried...he tried to grab him but all he could get was burning skin. He kept reaching, finally, he was able to lift the man from the car. Hauptman then pulled out the third man who apparently had fallen into the back seat when the front seat broke. Rescue squads made their way through the traffic about three to four minutes later. Mr. Hauptman is a Westside High School graduate. And I think that when you have instants like this where a person only has a moment to react and he places the lives of three unknown individuals above his own, I think he deserves a commendation by the Legislature. I would urge the adoption of the resolution. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Any further discussion? If not, the question is the adoption of the resolution. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of LR 36.