



# COUNTY OF GALVESTON

On this, the 9<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2025, the **Commissioners' Court of Galveston County, Texas**, convened in a regularly scheduled meeting with the following members thereof present:

**Mark Henry, County Judge**  
**Darrell Apffel, Commissioner, Precinct No. 1**  
**Joe Giusti, Commissioner, Precinct No. 2**  
**Hank Dugie, Commissioner, Precinct No. 3**  
**Robin Armstrong, MD, Commissioner, Precinct No. 4; and**  
**Dwight Sullivan, County Clerk**

when the following proceedings, among others, were had, to-wit:

**Whereas** acts of heroism are considered an inspiration to others, it takes certain attributes such as courage and selflessness. Heroism consists of putting others first, even at your peril. Heroism is a concern for other people in need, knowing there is personal risk, done without expectation of reward. Robert Green Ingersoll said it well: "When the will defies fear, when duty throws the gauntlet down to fate, when honor scorns to compromise with death-that is heroism; and

**Whereas**, on Thursday, May 22nd, 2025, at approximately 2:30 PM, **Deputy Constable Christopher Smith** was dispatched to a call regarding a male struggling in the water near the intersection of HWY 124 and HWY 87; and

**Whereas**, upon arrival, **Deputy Constable Christopher Smith** located the female caller and the unconscious male in the water, and promptly initiated life-saving measures by pulling the male from the water and administering CPR; and

**Whereas**, shortly thereafter, **Deputy Constable Richard Loftin** and his wife, April Loftin, both licensed paramedics, arrived on the scene and continued the life-saving efforts initiated by **Deputy Constable Christopher Smith**; and

**Whereas**, thanks to the combined efforts of **Deputy Constable Christopher Smith** and **Deputy Constable Richard Loftin**, the male subject was resuscitated and subsequently administered NARCAN due to indications of opiate use. Despite regaining consciousness, the male subject exhibited violent behavior and required physical restraint to ensure the safety of himself and others; and

**Whereas**, the actions taken by both **Deputy Constable Christopher Smith** and **Deputy Constable Richard Loftin** exemplified exceptional courage, professionalism, and commitment to the health and safety of others; and

**Whereas**, the **Commissioners' Court of Galveston County** wishes to express its appreciation and gratitude to the deputies for their courage, service, and steadfast commitment to public safety.

**Now, Therefore Be it Resolved**, that the **Commissioners' Court of Galveston County** issues this **Resolution** honoring **Deputy Constable Christopher Smith and Deputy Constable Richard Loftin of the Galveston County Constable's Office Precinct 3** acknowledging their heroic actions and are hereby recognized and commended for their exemplary service to the community and their unwavering dedication to saving lives.

**Upon Motion Duly Made and Seconded**, the above Resolution was unanimously passed on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2025.

Attest:

County of Galveston, Texas

By:

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Dwight D. Sullivan, County Clerk

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Mark A. Henry, County Judge

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Darrell Apffel, Comm., Pct. #1

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Hank Dugie, Comm., Pct. #3

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Joe Giusti, Comm., Pct. #2

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Robin Armstrong, MD, Comm., Pct. #4