

Fire Captain Art Bieker for a truly heroic act at Benson Lake last week where a young boy, by the name of Ronald Rawlings, had had the bad judgment to venture out on the ice on the lake, and had fallen through, and by all descriptions would have been a seriously injured or lost lad. But by good fortune Denise and Michael Terry were at Benson Lake with their three children, saw what was happening, and in the end effected the rescue of the young boy. But for some reason the story, I think, denotes courage and even an extra measure of courage on the part of both of the Terry's. When you consider in the first instance that they didn't know the boy, and so there wasn't the natural bond that would normally pertain. They had no reason to risk their own well-being to help the boy. They had three children of their own, which normally gives you a warning signal saying, or an excuse saying don't do it, don't do it, and yet they did it. The husband, Michael, first ventured out on the ice and fell through, which probably would have given most people with a lot of courage the signal don't do any more, don't do any more. But they went ahead. He stayed in the icy water, up to his neck, and just stayed still so no more ice would break, and she proceeded on. So then she falls through the ice, twice, second time up to her neck. Struggles out, two more signals saying, don't do this, and yet she proceeded to do it, and with a dog leash, finally, pulled the boy on top of the ice, still having the presence of mind to say to the boy lie still, lie still, we don't want to break the ice, and finally the rescue department came and they were rescued but not without one more dunking into the cold water on the part of Terry and the boy and the Fire Captain. It all turned out well, and it's a beautiful and a great story, but I thought a story of extraordinary discipline and extraordinary empathy for human beings and a story of rare courage. And I would like to ask your passage of this resolution, and I feel very honored to be able to introduce to you today not both of these courageous people, Denise couldn't make it, but under the south balcony I would like you to meet Michael Terry who was a part of that rescue. Thank you. (Applause.)

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Preister.

SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you, honorable Speaker, friends all. I rise, once again, to say that I think this is a historic moment. It's always good to hear good news in the paper. We probably know more than anyone else about some of the negative things, even those things that can be written about us. It's good to