

1 **State of Arkansas**
2 **79th General Assembly**
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4 **By: Representative Dawson**

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7 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

8 COMMENDING MS. ASHLEY WEEKS FOR HER HEROISM WHICH RESULTED
9 IN THE RESCUE OF HER UNCLE AND COUSIN FROM A PLANE CRASH
10 WHICH OCCURRED IN THE EARLY MORNING HOURS OF SEPTEMBER 26,
11 1992.

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13 **Subtitle**

14 COMMENDING MS. ASHLEY WEEKS.

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16 WHEREAS, Ms. Ashley Weeks, a thirteen year old high school student from
17 Camden, Arkansas, boarded her uncle_s Cessna 310 on the night of September 25,
18 1992, for a short trip to Oklahoma with her uncle, aunt, and cousin; and

19 WHEREAS, in the early morning hours of Saturday, September 26th, the
20 plane crashed in the Little River in the vicinity of Idabel, Oklahoma; and

21 WHEREAS, at the time of the crash, Ashley had been asleep, and when she
22 awoke she found herself trapped in the sinking wreckage of the small plane;
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24 WHEREAS, the crash killed her aunt and seriously injured her uncle, the
25 plane_s pilot, but miraculously spared Ashley and her cousin from injury; and

26 WHEREAS, Ashley apparently lost consciousness and when she regained
27 consciousness she was outside the plane with her legs hanging over the edge of
28 the door jamb and her body floating in the water, and she noticed that the
29 airplane cabin was half full of water and that the water was rising; and

30 WHEREAS, Ashley pulled her cousin from the cabin on to the top of the
31 plane; and

32 WHEREAS, even though Ashley_s uncle had a broken pelvis, and his feet
33 were caught under the pedals and he weighed 265 pounds, Ashley and her cousin
34 were able to extract him from the plane and pull him through the front window,
35 the windshield having been destroyed on impact; and

1 WHEREAS, the night was dark and fog shrouded the river which was swollen
2 and swift; and

3 WHEREAS, the three survivors clung to the outside of the wreckage until
4 daybreak, at which point Ashley decided to risk attempting to swim to shore;
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6 WHEREAS, Ashley swam through the swift current to a steep embankment,
7 pulled herself up the embankment by using roots growing out of the side of the
8 bluffs, climbed over a barbed wire fence and entered the tree line of the
9 snake-infested Little River bottoms; and

10 WHEREAS, even though Ashley had second degree gasoline burns on her leg,
11 back, and stomach, and her clothes were soaked with gasoline, she managed to
12 walk for hours in unfamiliar territory until she found help which resulted in
13 the rescue of her uncle and cousin.

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15 NOW THEREFORE,

16 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SEVENTY-NINTH GENERAL
17 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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19 That it hereby commends Ms. Ashley Weeks for her heroism and bravery,
20 and the phenomenal maturity and cool-mindedness she demonstrated, and which
21 resulted in the rescue of her uncle and cousin on September 26, 1992.

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