

OHIO TURNPIKE AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMISSION

Resolution Honoring the Heroic and Courageous Actions of Ohio State Highway Patrol Troopers William L. Head, Stephen W. Pacheco and Tony D. Stephens on August 14, 2018

WHEREAS, William L. Head, Stephen W. Pacheco and Tony D. Stephens, are employed by the Ohio State Highway Patrol; and

WHEREAS, on August 14, 2018, Trooper William L. Head was dispatched to an incident at the Cuyahoga River Bridge located on the Ohio Turnpike at Milepost 177 eastbound; and

WHEREAS, while en route, telephone calls were received advising that a person at the scene was preparing to jump from the bridge; and

WHEREAS, due to the nature of the incident, Trooper Stephen W. Pacheco and Trooper Tony D. Stephens were dispatched to the scene; and

WHEREAS, Trooper William L. Head located and made contact with the patron who was sitting on the concrete wall of the bridge; and

WHEREAS, upon their arrival on scene, Trooper Stephen W. Pacheco and Trooper Tony D. Stephens also made contact with the patron; and

WHEREAS, Trooper William L. Head, Stephen W. Pacheco and Trooper Tony D. Stephens, while engaging with the patron with exceptional care and compassion were able to grab the patron and bring him back over the wall; and

WHEREAS, the heroic actions of Trooper William L. Head, Trooper Stephen W. Pacheco and Trooper Tony D. Stephens saved the life of the distressed patron; and

WHEREAS, the Commission Members view the extraordinary bravery exhibited by Trooper William L. Head, Trooper Stephen W. Pacheco and Trooper Tony D. Stephens in responding to this life threatening emergency, as an example of excellence for which formal and public recognition should be given; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission, by the adoption of this Resolution, hereby expresses its deep appreciation for the distinguished manner in which Trooper William L. Head, Trooper Stephen W. Pacheco and Trooper Tony D. Stephens responded to the life threatening situation that occurred at Milepost 177 eastbound on the Turnpike on August 14, 2018; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Trooper William L. Head, Trooper Stephen W. Pacheco and Trooper Tony D. Stephens, while performing their duties, exhibited extraordinary bravery and courage in an effort to preserve the life of a distressed patron; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission also considers that the people of the State of Ohio are fortunate in receiving the compassionate and unselfish services that they rendered; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission extends its best wishes to Trooper William L. Head, Trooper Stephen W. Pacheco and Trooper Tony D. Stephens and their families; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary-Treasurer be, and hereby she is, directed to send a certified copy of this Resolution to Trooper William L. Head, Trooper Stephen W. Pacheco and Trooper Tony D. Stephens.

(Resolution No. 70-2018 adopted December 17, 2018)