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Subject: Congressman Ratcliffe to present Andrew Needum with the Lone Star Award

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CELINA (May 30, 2018) Congressman John Ratcliffe will be at the Celina Fire Station on Friday, June 1, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. to present the Lone Star Award to Andrew Needum for his actions on April 17, 2018 on board Southwest Airline Flight 1380. Mr. Needum will be the 7<sup>th</sup> recipient of this award since its creation in 2016.

## Lone Star Award

The John Ratcliffe Lone Star Award was created in January 2016 by Congressman John Ratcliffe to recognize extraordinary constituents in the Fourth Congressional District of Texas who have given selflessly—often humbly and secretly—to help someone in need or to better their community. In some instances, this may be a classic Good Samaritan who stepped up with compassion and courage for his or her neighbor in a moment of crisis, while in other instances this may be lifelong commitment that has radical impact on the lives of others. The Lone Star Award is reserved for truly exceptional stories of service or sacrifice that exemplify the very Spirit of Texas. Our desire is to offer gratitude and tribute to a deserving recipient, particularly someone who might otherwise go unnoticed, and to inspire our fellow constituents and Texans to further service.

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**City of Celina** – The City of Celina is situated in high-growth Collin County and nestled between major arteries of Preston Road to the east and the future Dallas North Tollway to the west. Located 45 miles north of Dallas, Celina sits on 78 square miles with an estimated population of 11,000. Celina is positioned geographically, demographically and economically to quickly become a big player in the North Texas metropolitan community.

