

By: Slaton

H.R. No. 591

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Andrew Burton of Lavon was named the victor in the
2 Arnold Sports Festival World's Strongest Firefighter competition
3 that took place in Columbus, Ohio, on March 3 and 4, 2023; and

4 WHEREAS, Employed by the Rockwall Fire Department,
5 Mr. Burton has long had a passion for fitness; he participated in
6 powerlifting competitions at the state level as a student at
7 Sulphur Springs High School; in 2021, he decided to participate in
8 the Strongman athletic contests, and the following year, he placed
9 seventh at the United States Strongman (USS) Nationals in
10 Manchester, New Hampshire; he set a federation record for the
11 suitcase hold by holding 310 pounds in each hand for close to one
12 minute; in 2023, he has qualified for both the USS and Strongman
13 Corporation federations' national competitions; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Burton is certified as an EMT, firefighter, and
15 paramedic; early in his career, he was employed by the Hopkins
16 County Fire Department for five years, and he was a part-time member
17 of the Sulphur Springs Fire Department for three years as well; he
18 is an Eagle Scout, and he was awarded the Vigil Honor, the highest
19 level conferred by the Order of the Arrow of the Boy Scouts of
20 America; in all his endeavors, he enjoys the love and support of his
21 wife, Taylor Burton; and

22 WHEREAS, Through his feats of strength, Andrew Burton has
23 demonstrated that he can compete at the highest level, and he may
24 indeed take pride in his accomplishments; now, therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
2 Legislature hereby congratulate Andrew Burton on winning the 2023
3 World's Strongest Firefighter competition and extend to him sincere
4 best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

5 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
6 prepared for Mr. Burton as an expression of high regard by the Texas
7 House of Representatives.