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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, All who shared in the life of Chief Shawn Michael
2 Snider of the Edinburg Fire Department were deeply saddened by his
3 passing on May 1, 2023, at the age of 58; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of Russell Louis Snider and Kathleen
5 Peterschmidt, Shawn Snider was born in San Diego, California, on
6 July 10, 1964, and he grew up with the companionship of five
7 siblings, Chris, Richard, Caroline, Jerice, and Michael; he
8 attended schools in Tyler and Pharr; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Snider began his career as a firefighter and
10 mechanic with the Alamo Fire Department in 1981, and he rose through
11 the ranks to become a fire marshal; he joined the Edinburg Fire
12 Department as an assistant fire marshal in 1991, and he took on the
13 role of chief in 1999; along the way, he served as the emergency
14 management coordinator for the City of Edinburg and briefly held
15 the position of acting city manager; and

16 WHEREAS, Respected in his profession, Chief Snider served as
17 president of the State Firefighters' and Fire Marshals' Association
18 of Texas, and he was a regional director for the Texas Fire Chiefs
19 Association; he held numerous leadership roles with other
20 organizations as well, including the 2nd Regional Fire Academy and
21 the Rio Grande Valley Firefighter's and Fire Marshals' Association,
22 and he served as a fire school instructor and rescue task force
23 leader; among his many achievements, he was inducted into the Rio
24 Grande Valley Walk of Fame in 2009, and he was named the 2014

1 Edinburg Firefighter of the Year; in 2018, he received an award for
2 Outstanding Service and Leadership in Emergency Management; and

3 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Chief Snider benefited from
4 the love and support of his wife, Edna Casas Snider, with whom he
5 shared more than three decades, and he took great pride in his
6 daughter, Sarah; he was an active member of Sacred Heart Catholic
7 Church, and during his leisure hours, he enjoyed hunting and
8 fishing; and

9 WHEREAS, A devoted family man and a distinguished public
10 servant, Shawn Snider lived a caring and purposeful life, and he
11 leaves behind a record of service that will long resonate in the
12 Edinburg community; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
14 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Chief Shawn Michael
15 Snider and extend heartfelt sympathy to his loved ones; and, be it
16 further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
19 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Shawn
20 Snider.