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H.R. No. 2260

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Harris County Precinct One Community Emergency  
2 Response Team, led by CERT coordinator John A. Branch, has worked  
3 tirelessly to ensure that area communities are safer, stronger, and  
4 better prepared; and

5 WHEREAS, After helping to rebuild in the wake of Tropical  
6 Storm Allison in 2001 and Hurricane Rita in 2005, Mr. Branch, a  
7 longtime public servant, formed a team of volunteers to assist in  
8 responding to the needs of the local community; the Precinct One  
9 CERT holds free classes taught by first responders that equip  
10 citizens with knowledge and resources to assist their families and  
11 neighborhoods in the event of a disaster; the Houston program is  
12 part of the Mayor's Office of Public Safety and Homeland Security  
13 and the Harris County Citizen Corps; in addition, CERT volunteers  
14 help with public events, such as the Extreme Weather Ready Expo and  
15 BP MS 150, and serve on planning and hospitality committees for  
16 future training events; and

17 WHEREAS, Through the dedicated advocacy of Mr. Branch,  
18 Precinct One CERT opened a command center on February 19, 2022; the  
19 first volunteer owned and operated CERT center in the state, the  
20 facility serves as a location for emergency training classes and  
21 includes a food pantry and resource center for vulnerable  
22 residents; and

23 WHEREAS, Since its founding, Precinct One CERT has provided  
24 invaluable assistance to the citizens of Harris County, and it is a

1 pleasure to recognize the many significant contributions of this  
2 noteworthy organization; now, therefore, be it

3       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas  
4 Legislature hereby honor the Harris County Precinct One Community  
5 Emergency Response Team for its service and extend to all those  
6 associated with the team sincere best wishes for the future; and, be  
7 it further

8       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
9 prepared for the Harris County Precinct One Community Emergency  
10 Response Team as an expression of high regard by the Texas House of  
11 Representatives.