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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Fire Chief Manuel Mello III has made invaluable
2 contributions to his community during his 35 years of dedicated
3 service to the Eagle Pass Fire Department; and

4 WHEREAS, Chief Mello first joined the department as a
5 volunteer in 1988, before being hired as a full-time employee in
6 1992; he worked on the front lines as a firefighter and emergency
7 medical technician for several years, and he was among the Eagle
8 Pass firefighters who were deployed to the massive Eagle Oil fire of
9 1994; while he and his colleagues were battling the blaze, he risked
10 his life by driving a burning 18-wheeler away from the scene, which
11 prevented many deaths that may have occurred if a fuel tanker had
12 caught fire; and

13 WHEREAS, As he excelled in his duties, Chief Mello received a
14 series of promotions, to lieutenant, acting captain, and assistant
15 fire chief; he took the reins of the department in 2015, and his
16 major accomplishments have included implementing new policies and
17 procedures, procuring new vehicles and equipment, and overseeing
18 the construction of the downtown fire station and the
19 reconstruction of Station 2; and

20 WHEREAS, Along the way, Chief Mello has continued his
21 professional development, earning certifications as a fire
22 instructor, fire officer, and certified fire executive, to name but
23 a few; he also served as the emergency management coordinator for
24 the City of Eagle Pass from 2014 to 2018, and since 2013, he has been

1 involved in the Amistad Border Task Force, a collaboration between
2 the Environmental Protection Agency and its Mexican counterpart to
3 address environmental issues on both sides of the border; and

4 WHEREAS, Chief Manuel Mello has exemplified the highest
5 ideals of his profession and contributed immeasurably to the safety
6 and well-being of his fellow citizens, and his exceptional efforts
7 have earned him the lasting respect and admiration of all who know
8 him; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
10 Legislature hereby honor Fire Chief Manuel Mello III for his 35
11 years of service to the Eagle Pass Fire Department and extend to him
12 sincere best wishes for continued success with his important work;
13 and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for Chief Mello as an expression of high regard by the
16 Texas House of Representatives.