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## RESOLUTION

- 1 WHEREAS, National Volunteer Week is taking place from April
- 2 16 to 22, 2023, and this occasion provides a welcome opportunity to
- 3 recognize the many volunteer firefighters across the Lone Star
- 4 State; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Volunteer firefighters serve in both rural and urban
- 6 communities throughout the state, performing such duties as fire
- 7 suppression, emergency medical aid and rescue, hazardous material
- 8 response, and training and public education; these highly trained
- 9 individuals are members of more than 1,000 fire departments, and
- 10 they provide over 80 percent of the fire services in Texas; and
- 11 WHEREAS, In addition to offering vital emergency services,
- 12 volunteer fire departments contribute to their communities by
- 13 hosting open house events and building relationships with area
- 14 residents; many volunteer firefighters also participate in a
- 15 variety of service organizations; and
- WHEREAS, These brave men and women give generously of their
- 17 time and talents in order to protect the lives and property of their
- 18 fellow citizens, and they are indeed deserving of special
- 19 recognition; now, therefore, be it
- 20 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 88th Texas Legislature
- 21 hereby commend volunteer firefighters for their outstanding
- 22 service and extend to them sincere gratitude and best wishes for the
- 23 future.