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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, On February 6, 2023, a powerful earthquake struck  
2 southeastern Turkey and the northwest region of Syria, resulting in  
3 tens of thousands of fatalities and catastrophic damage throughout  
4 the area; and

5           WHEREAS, Governments around the world responded quickly to  
6 requests for assistance, deploying rescue teams and providing aid  
7 for the nearly 18 million people in Turkey and Syria who were  
8 impacted by the disaster; among those who were involved in rescue  
9 and relief efforts were personnel from both the United States and  
10 Mexico, including members of the Joint Military Assistance Command  
11 and affiliated Mexican agencies; and

12           WHEREAS, Mexico deployed search and rescue canine teams to  
13 Turkey as part of international emergency relief operations, and  
14 two canines lost their lives while participating in search and  
15 rescue efforts; these heroic dogs were Proteo, who performed four  
16 rescues and over 35 recoveries in the line of duty, and Frida, who  
17 was involved in 12 rescues and 41 recoveries throughout her career;  
18 and

19           WHEREAS, In addition to posthumously recognizing the two  
20 search and rescue dogs, the Joint Military Assistance Command has  
21 also awarded posthumous honors to a civilian canine, Pinky, who  
22 demonstrated remarkable courage while fighting off robbers in the  
23 disaster area and passed away five weeks after being wounded in the  
24 incident; and

1           WHEREAS, These three valiant canines will be remembered not  
2 only for their extraordinary acts of bravery, but also for the  
3 special bonds of loyalty that they shared with their owners and  
4 handlers, and they are truly deserving of recognition for their  
5 honorable service; now, therefore, be it

6           RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 88th Texas Legislature  
7 hereby pay tribute to the lives of Proteo, Frida, and Pinky and  
8 express sincere gratitude to all those who took part in search and  
9 rescue operations in the aftermath of the 2023 Turkey-Syria  
10 earthquake.