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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Senior Captain Edward Escamilla and firefighters  
2 Jonathan Guzman and Darren Jones of the Houston Fire Department  
3 demonstrated great bravery in the line of duty when they responded  
4 to an apartment fire on January 7, 2025; and

5 WHEREAS, The two-alarm fire broke out at an apartment complex  
6 in southeast Houston at approximately 5:30 a.m. and quickly spread,  
7 consuming two units and prompting an urgent evacuation; after  
8 arriving at the scene, the three firefighters entered the building  
9 to check if anyone was still inside; during their search, they  
10 became trapped by a heavy door, and they issued a distress call for  
11 rescue; and

12 WHEREAS, As their gear melted due to the extreme heat, the  
13 team sustained severe burns to their hands, legs, and necks;  
14 another firefighter subsequently ripped the door open and helped  
15 them get to safety; following weeks of extensive treatment at  
16 Memorial Hermann Hospital, all three of the firefighters were  
17 eventually discharged from its burn unit; and

18 WHEREAS, Every day, firefighters are called upon to put  
19 themselves in harm's way to come to the aid of their fellow  
20 citizens, and through their valiant actions, these heroic Texans  
21 have distinguished themselves as exemplary members of their  
22 profession; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas  
24 Legislature hereby commend Senior Captain Edward Escamilla and

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1 firefighters Jonathan Guzman and Darren Jones for their courageous  
2 actions in responding to an apartment fire and extend to each of  
3 them sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

4       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
5 prepared for each firefighter as an expression of high regard by the  
6 Texas House of Representatives.