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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, In November 2003, five determined women from the
2 Houston Fire Department will travel to World Challenge XII in
3 Ottawa, Ontario, to compete in the Firefighter Combat Challenge;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Dubbing themselves the "Chicas Calientes," Beda
6 Gutierrez, Yolanda Campos, Jocelyn Garriga, Isabel Sky-Eagle, and
7 Kristine Yruegas make up Houston's first team of women firefighters
8 qualified to participate at the national level of the challenge;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, This annual event attracts hundreds of U.S. and
11 Canadian municipal fire departments each year at more than 25
12 locations and seeks to encourage firefighter fitness and
13 demonstrate the profession's rigors to the public; and

14 WHEREAS, Wearing full bunker gear and breathing apparatus,
15 pairs of competitors simulate the physical demands of real-life
16 fire fighting by performing a linked series of five tasks,
17 including climbing a five-story tower, hoisting, chopping,
18 dragging hoses, and rescuing a life-sized, 175-pound "victim" as
19 they race against their opponent and the clock; and

20 WHEREAS, Worthy role models for this and future generations,
21 the women of Chicas Calientes have inspired girls to pursue their
22 dreams and demonstrated that strength, courage, and perseverance
23 will lead to success; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas

1 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby commend team captain Beda
2 Gutierrez, Yolanda Campos, Jocelyn Garriga, Isabel Sky-Eagle, and
3 Kristine Yruegas for their dedication and extend to them sincere
4 best wishes for continued success and happiness; and, be it further

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