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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, In November 2003, nine dedicated men and women from
2 the Houston Fire Department will travel to World Challenge XII in
3 Ottawa, Ontario, to compete in the Firefighter Combat Challenge;
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5 WHEREAS, The men and women from the Houston Fire Department
6 participating in the 2003 Firefighter Combat Challenge are Eric
7 Kellmann, Hiram Ceballos, Stan Curtis, Chris Peel, Beda Gutierrez,
8 Yolanda Campos, Jocelyn Garriga, Isabel Sky-Eagle, and Kristine
9 Yruegas; 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 is seen by more than 30 million people worldwide; the
13 challenge seeks to encourage firefighter fitness and demonstrate
14 the profession's rigors to the public; and

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

21 WHEREAS, For their hard work and determination, this fine
22 group is truly worthy of praise, and it is a pleasure to honor them
23 as they prepare for this important competition; now, therefore, be
24 it

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
2 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby commend Eric Kellmann,
3 Hiram Ceballos, Stan Curtis, Chris Peel, Beda Gutierrez, Yolanda
4 Campos, Jocelyn Garriga, Isabel Sky-Eagle, and Kristine Yruegas for
5 their dedication and extend to them sincere best wishes for
6 continued success; and, be it further

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