

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 139

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the Texas Engineering Extension Service of the Texas A&M University System on the occasion of the celebration of the 75th anniversary of the Texas Municipal Fire Training School on July 28, 2004; and

WHEREAS, A fireman's training program was initiated in 1929 by the State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association and the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas; and

WHEREAS, The first municipal firefighter training session was held in 1930 and was attended by 176 firefighters from 96 Texas towns; and

WHEREAS, A permanent fire training school was established by the Texas Legislature in 1931; in 1947, the school became part of the Industrial Extension Service, now the Engineering Extension Service; and

WHEREAS, The school, sponsored by the State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association, now has the largest training program in the country; the school trains approximately 2,500 firefighters each year with the assistance of some 500 guest instructors who donate their services; and

WHEREAS, Effective fire suppression and rescue techniques are vital for protecting the lives and property of Texas citizens; the Texas Municipal Fire Training School fulfills its purpose by providing thousands of volunteer and paid firefighters with the technical skills necessary to protect our communities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby commend the Texas Engineering Extension Service for its contributions to our state and extend best wishes to all who participate in the celebration of the 75th anniversary of the Texas Municipal Fire Training School; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in honor of this event.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 12, 2004.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate