

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The year 2003 marks the 100th anniversary of the
2 founding of the Boerne Volunteer Fire Department, and this
3 centennial is indeed a joyous milestone; and

4 WHEREAS, Established on January 5, 1903, the department was
5 organized by members of several pioneer families in the area; the
6 first officers were F. W. Homer, chief; George Zoeller, assistant
7 chief; Bruno Wendler, secretary; and H. J. Grahm, treasurer; and

8 WHEREAS, Soon after its founding, the fire company placed an
9 order for a fire bell, larger than the one that had been donated by a
10 local hardware company, ordered a hook and ladder wagon, to be built
11 by a Mr. Harz of Boerne, and bought 26 fire buckets; within a year it
12 had acquired a fire engine and erected a station house at the site
13 of the King and King lumber company; and

14 WHEREAS, Today, more than 40 dedicated men and women continue
15 the proud tradition of serving their community as part of the Boerne
16 Volunteer Fire Department, 10 as staff members and over 30 as
17 volunteer firefighters; the current leadership includes Mike
18 Fincke, president; Jeffery Fincke, chief; Randy Bergmann and Mark
19 Finch, assistant chiefs; Gerald Neill, Billy Knupp, and Adam
20 Zenner, captains; Steve Simon, secretary; Ben Schoch, treasurer;
21 and Andrew Frantzen, timekeeper; and

22 WHEREAS, The department sponsors and participates in
23 numerous activities that raise funds for its operations--events
24 such as dances, parades, golf tournaments, fish fries, and

1 masquerade balls; with generous support from the residents of
2 Boerne and surrounding communities, it maintains more than 10
3 fire-fighting trucks, including a new 100-foot ladder truck, and
4 additional emergency equipment; and

5 WHEREAS, Throughout its admirable history, the Boerne
6 Volunteer Fire Department has been a dependable source of
7 protection and peace of mind for countless Texans, and it is a
8 pleasure to join in celebrating its first century of faithful
9 service; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
11 Legislature hereby commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Boerne
12 Volunteer Fire Department and extend to all associated with the
13 department heartfelt best wishes for continued success.

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H.R. No. 420

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 420 was adopted by the House on April 3, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House