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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Edinburg Volunteer Fire Department has long been
2 devoted to the safety of the citizens of South Texas, and this vital
3 community organization indeed merits special recognition; and

4 WHEREAS, Originally established on July 28, 1921, under the
5 guidance of Fire Chief John McKinney, the department was
6 reorganized on May 24, 1926, led by I. M. Stout, fire chief; Charles
7 A. Floyd, first assistant chief; Cyril M. Tapager, president; and
8 A. J. Ross, Jr., secretary-treasurer; today, the leadership of Fire
9 Chief Shawn Snider inspires a dedicated team of approximately 60
10 volunteers and a modest-sized staff who continue the proud
11 tradition of serving their community as part of the Edinburg
12 Volunteer Fire Department; and

13 WHEREAS, The department's service area includes nearly 200
14 square miles and 50,000 individuals in Hidalgo County, and its E. E.
15 Sanders Training Field serves as the centerpiece of the Rio Grande
16 Valley Fire School; fire company members participate in numerous
17 community activities that provide a forum for fire safety
18 information as well as a way to raise operating funds; and

19 WHEREAS, In recent years, local firefighters hosted the
20 National Volunteer Fire Council quarterly meeting in their city,
21 and they have also hosted the state convention; in 2001, a
22 groundbreaking ceremony heralded the coming of the Edinburg
23 Volunteer Fire Department Museum; and

24 WHEREAS, Throughout its admirable history, the Edinburg

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1 Volunteer Fire Department has been a dependable source of
2 protection and peace of mind for countless Texans, and it is a
3 pleasure to join in paying tribute to this fine organization at this
4 time; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
6 Legislature hereby commend the faithful members of the Edinburg
7 Volunteer Fire Department for their deep commitment to their
8 community and extend to all associated with the department
9 heartfelt best wishes for continued success.