

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 111**

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Bridge City Volunteer Fire and Rescue on the occasion of its 50th anniversary; and

**WHEREAS**, On March 22, 2003, residents of Bridge City will proudly recall the five decades that citizen volunteers have selflessly come to the aid of their fellowman; and

**WHEREAS**, Bridge City Fire and Rescue is now called Orange County Emergency Service District 2 Volunteer Fire Department; and

**WHEREAS**, The volunteer fire department in Bridge City was first organized in 1951 as part of the local civil defense unit; the auxiliary police unit, first aid rescue unit, and identification and blood type units were also organized; and a 1929 Chevrolet fire truck was put into service as the city's first fire truck; and

**WHEREAS**, Initially, a group of 31 Bridge City residents donated their time to Bridge City Volunteer Fire and Rescue; by April of 1952, an election to appoint officers and to write a constitution and bylaws was held, and in 1954, volunteer firefighters built a station; and

**WHEREAS**, The people of Bridge City have strongly supported the fire and rescue team throughout its history; a ladies auxiliary was established in 1966; in 1977, citizens added a substation on Bessie Heights Road, and four years later, a 12,150-square-foot 10-bay central station was dedicated on Bland Street; and

**WHEREAS**, Bridge City Volunteer Fire and Rescue responds to emergencies inside the city limits in less than five minutes and provides service around the clock; and

**WHEREAS**, A reliable and well-organized emergency service protects the public safety, and Bridge City Volunteer Fire and Rescue has demonstrated the capacity to come to the assistance of local residents during times of crisis; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, hereby commend Bridge City Volunteer Fire and Rescue for providing reliable fire fighting and other emergency services; and, be it further

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**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for Bridge City as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 5, 2003.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate