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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Captain Billy G. Holder of the Irving Fire
2 Department is celebrating half a century of exceptional public
3 service in 2005, and this notable milestone provides a fitting
4 opportunity to reflect on his outstanding career; and

5 WHEREAS, Affectionately known as "Shakey", he joined the
6 department on December 1, 1955, and throughout his admirable
7 tenure, he has worked at the city's busiest stations; for the past
8 30 years, he has held two assignments, as a crew member of Fire
9 Station Two and as captain of Fire Station One, his current post;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Further testament to his dedication and proficiency
12 is his status as the lead man for his shift's swift water rescue
13 team, a specialty assignment requiring top-notch physical
14 conditioning that is a formidable challenge for younger
15 firefighters; and

16 WHEREAS, A trusted leader, advisor, and role model for his
17 fellow firefighters, Shakey Holder has demonstrated an unwavering
18 commitment to his colleagues, his profession, and to the safety of
19 his fellow citizens that has earned him the lasting respect and
20 admiration of all who know him; now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
22 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby commend Captain Billy G.
23 Holder on his 50th anniversary with the Irving Fire Department and
24 pay tribute to this remarkable Texan by recognizing December 1,

1 2005, as Shakey Holder Day in Irving; and, be it further

2 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
3 prepared for Captain Holder as an expression of high regard by the
4 Texas House of Representatives.