

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 64**

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Tommy R. Shelton of Houston for his meritorious performance and service as a Houston firefighter; and

**WHEREAS**, Tommy, who will be retiring in October of 2005, has been with the City of Houston Fire Department since 1968 and currently serves as the district chief in command of Fleet Support; and

**WHEREAS**, As a firefighter he has made outstanding contributions to the public safety of his fellow citizens, responding to save the lives of others while risking his own life in dangerous circumstances; he shows his compassion for the citizens of the Houston community by his conscientious care in emergency situations; and

**WHEREAS**, Tommy Shelton has demonstrated his sincere commitment to Houston firefighters and their families by his actions; he is a trustee on the board of the Houston Firefighters' Relief and Retirement Fund, which boasts over \$2 billion in assets; he now serves as the chairman of the Budget and Audit Committee and on the Pension Benefits Committee, the Investment Committee, the Legislative Committee, and the Memorial Fund Committee for the retirement fund; and

**WHEREAS**, Tommy Shelton also donates his time and energy to the Accident Review Board and the Safety Board of the Houston Fire Department; he serves as the vice chairman of the Dennis W. Holder Scholarship Fund, a nonprofit organization that

provides scholarships to Houston firefighters' children and grandchildren each year; and

**WHEREAS**, He is a member of the National Conference on Public Employee Retirement Systems, the International Conference of Employee Benefit Plans, and the Houston Professional Fire Fighters Association and he is a charter member of the safety committee for the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo; and

**WHEREAS**, The loyal service and exemplary contributions of Tommy Shelton as a Houston firefighter truly deserve the recognition of the Texas Senate; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby commend Tommy R. Shelton for his exemplary endeavors in ensuring the public safety of his fellow citizens in Houston; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him as an expression of high regard 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 July 12, 2005.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate