

By: Pena

H.R. No. 248

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Shawn Michael Snider, chief of the Edinburg
2 Volunteer Fire Department, has been elected fourth vice president
3 of the State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association of Texas; and

4 WHEREAS, Selection for this post puts Chief Snider in line to
5 assume the presidency of the association in 2009; founded in 1876,
6 the SFFMA is the oldest and largest organization of firefighters in
7 Texas and counts among its members 1,100 fire departments, more
8 than 80 industrial fire brigades, and 18,000 individuals; and

9 WHEREAS, Chief Snider began his firefighting career just two
10 days after his graduation from high school, signing on with the fire
11 department in his hometown of Alamo as a volunteer; he spent a
12 decade with that organization before joining the department in
13 Edinburg, where he has served for the past 14 years; on January 25,
14 1999, the Edinburg City Council appointed him to the post of
15 department chief; and

16 WHEREAS, Chief Snider's extensive qualifications reflect the
17 tremendous scope of the challenges that confront today's
18 firefighting professionals; an instructor in rope-rescue and
19 trench-rescue maneuvers with Texas A&M University, he is also an
20 advanced firefighter and emergency medical technician instructor,
21 an arson investigator, and a certified peace officer; and

22 WHEREAS, Widely admired for the proficiency and commitment
23 that he brings to his work, Chief Snider was named Firefighter of
24 the Year by the Edinburg Volunteer Fire Department in 1991 and the

1 Rio Grande Valley Firefighters Association in 1993; and

2 WHEREAS, In devoting himself to such an arduous profession,
3 this esteemed Texan enjoys the steadfast support of his wife, Edna,
4 and daughter, Sara; and

5 WHEREAS, Throughout his exceptional career, Chief Snider has
6 earned the gratitude of his fellow citizens for his outstanding
7 leadership, consummate skills, and unwavering dedication to a most
8 essential and demanding vocation; and

9 WHEREAS, Representative Aaron Pena has justly recognized
10 Chief Snider by passing this resolution in his behalf during the
11 Regular Session of the 79th Texas Legislature; now, therefore, be
12 it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
14 Legislature hereby congratulate Chief Shawn Michael Snider on his
15 election as fourth vice president of the State Firemen's and Fire
16 Marshals' Association of Texas and extend to him sincere best
17 wishes for continued success in all his endeavors; and, be it
18 further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
20 prepared for Chief Snider as an expression of high regard by the
21 Texas House of Representatives.