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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The dedicated members of the Jenkins Volunteer Fire
2 Department are celebrating their organization's 30th anniversary
3 on March 19, 2005; and

4 WHEREAS, Founded in 1975 with only one truck, a converted
5 military vehicle donated by the Texas Forestry Service, the
6 department today boasts two tanker trucks, a grass truck, and two
7 engines, and most of its equipment has been bought with money earned
8 through department-sponsored fund-raisers; with approximately 10
9 to 15 firefighters, the department covers a main response area of
10 about 450 residents in the southwestern corner of Morris County and
11 also backs up the Rocky Branch Fire Department as well as other
12 rural departments in the county; and

13 WHEREAS, The success of the Jenkins Volunteer Fire Department
14 would not have been possible without the hard work and dedication of
15 Ronald Knight, who has led the department as chief since its
16 inception; not only has he acted as a mentor to many young
17 firefighters throughout his tenure, but he has also been
18 instrumental in creating other rural fire departments in isolated
19 areas of the county; and

20 WHEREAS, For the past three decades, Chief Knight and the
21 members of the Jenkins Volunteer Fire Department have made Morris
22 County a safer place in which to live, work, and raise a family,
23 contributing tremendously to the peace of mind, safety, and
24 well-being of countless citizens; now, therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
2 Legislature hereby commend all those associated with the Jenkins
3 Volunteer Fire Department on their service to their fellow Texans
4 and congratulate them on the 30th anniversary of their
5 organization; and, be it further

6 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
7 prepared for the department as an expression of high regard by the
8 Texas House of Representatives.