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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The selection of R. D. "Bo" Welborn to be president
2 of the State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association (SFFMA) of
3 Texas aptly reflects the tradition of excellence of this venerable
4 organization, which celebrates its 129th anniversary on June 12,
5 2005; and

6 WHEREAS, Founded in 1876, the SFFMA is the oldest and largest
7 institution of firefighters in Texas and counts among its members
8 1,100 fire departments, more than 80 industrial fire brigades, and
9 18,000 individuals; and

10 WHEREAS, A 36-year veteran firefighter, Mr. Welborn worked
11 with the Department of Silsbee Fire and Rescue as fire marshal, fire
12 line captain, chief of haz-mat response, advanced certified
13 firefighter, district chief, deputy chief, assistant chief, and
14 fire chief until his retirement in 1996; and

15 WHEREAS, He also served as the firefighter pension
16 commissioner for the City of Silsbee, hazardous materials
17 coordinator for Hardin County, president of the East Texas District
18 of the SFFMA, and career firefighter for Beaumont Fire Department
19 and Rescue; currently, he serves as a board member of the Fire
20 Museum of Texas; and

21 WHEREAS, In all of his endeavors, Mr. Welborn has enjoyed the
22 support of his family, including his wife of 35 years, Sarah
23 Welborn, daughter, Keisha and her husband, Greg Bertling, and
24 grandsons, Josh and Adam; notably, Josh is state mascot of the

1 SFFMA, and Adam is mascot of SFFMA's East Texas District; and

2 WHEREAS, With the courage, leadership, and exceptional
3 skills that made him an exemplary firefighter, Mr. Welborn will
4 ably lead the SFFMA in pursuing the noteworthy goals of promoting,
5 unifying, representing, and educating the firefighters of Texas;
6 now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
8 Legislature hereby honor Bo Welborn on his selection as the 2005
9 president of the State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association of
10 Texas and extend to him best wishes for the future; and, be it
11 further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
13 prepared for Mr. Welborn as an expression of high regard by the
14 Texas House of Representatives.