

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Chaplain J. C. Straus remembers well the tragedy of
2 the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, and the memory of the
3 courageous individuals of the emergency services who gave their
4 lives remains with him each day; and

5 WHEREAS, Chaplain Straus spent five weeks in New York City
6 following the attack on the World Trade Center, working directly
7 with the Fire Department of the City of New York; assigned to the
8 1st Battalion, he talked with many of the firefighters, EMTs, and
9 police officers who survived Ground Zero and spent time assisting
10 in the recovery efforts; and

11 WHEREAS, An ordained pastor, certified firefighter
12 instructor, and registered EMT-Paramedic, Chaplain Straus is also
13 the founder and executive director of Emergency Ministries; he
14 currently works with more than 15 fire and EMS teams throughout
15 eastern Texas and serves on a 9-1-1 medic unit in Harris County; and

16 WHEREAS, This dedicated gentleman lends his time to such
17 worthy organizations as the Federation of Fire Chaplains and the
18 International Critical Incident Stress Foundation; in addition, he
19 runs a website for the Chaplaincy and has written two devotionals
20 that appear in the new *Firefighter Bible*; and

21 WHEREAS, For more than 25 years, Chaplain Skip Straus has
22 provided vital counseling and support for the men and women of
23 emergency services and has done much to comfort those in need, and
24 it is indeed fitting that he be recognized at this time; now,

1 therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
3 Legislature hereby commend Chaplain J. C. Straus for his brave
4 service following September 11, 2001, and for his continued
5 commitment to emergency service personnel; and, be it further

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

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H.R. No. 1509

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1509 was adopted by the House on May 5, 2005, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House