SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 289

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of San Antonio in congratulating Ernest A. "Buddy" Mass for being named vice president emeritus by the International Association of Fire Fighters; and

WHEREAS, Buddy served as an officer for 28 of his 32 years of service as a member of San Antonio Local 624, acting as president, first vice president, and recording secretary; and

WHEREAS, Buddy was elected in 1982 to serve as the International Association of Fire Fighters' 11th District vice president; he has long served as chairman of the Constitution and By-laws Committee and was appointed chairman of the Civil Rights Committee in 1989; and

WHEREAS, His knowledge, experience, and wise counsel will be greatly missed by San Antonio Local 624 and the entire association; he has worked with determination and resolve to promote the ideals upon which the association was founded; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, hereby commend Ernest A. Mass and applaud his many accomplishments and exceptional leadership; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

Van de Putte, Gallegos

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 3, 2005.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate

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