

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 435

WHEREAS, The year 2005 marks the 129th anniversary of the State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association of Texas; and

WHEREAS, Established in 1876 to promote, unify, represent, and educate members of the state's fire service community, the State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association of Texas is the oldest trade association in Texas and one of the state's largest; and

WHEREAS, Today, the association counts more than 1,100 fire departments and over 20,000 individuals among its members from the volunteer, industrial, and career sectors of the state and more than 150 associate memberships from the related fire industry; and

WHEREAS, Members of the State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association of Texas conscientiously handle their responsibilities with efficiency and dedication; and

WHEREAS, The State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association of Texas provides to its members and all members of the volunteer fire service in Texas a certification program to enhance the education of fire service volunteers; and

WHEREAS, The State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association of Texas also provides services to educate members of the legislature and their staffs about issues affecting fire service in the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, The meritorious work of the members of this association and their exemplary dedication to their communities have earned them the respect and admiration of all the citizens of Texas; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, hereby commend the State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association of Texas and recognize March 23, 2005, as Firefighters Day at the State Capitol.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 23, 2005.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate