SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 971

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the Houston Fire Museum, which is now making plans for the construction of the Houston Fire Museum Education Center; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to preserving and displaying artifacts and antiques of the fire service, the Houston Fire Museum educates the citizens of Houston and the surrounding communities about the history and evolution of fire service and the importance of fire safety; and

WHEREAS, Houston is widely recognized as a leader in firefighting techniques and technology and emergency medical services, and the Houston Fire Museum plays an important role in that success through its easy access to comprehensive safety education and information; and

WHEREAS, With the new education center, the museum will expand programming and unify citizens, firefighters, educators, and community leaders; vital lifesaving techniques will be demonstrated, information will be shared, and children will be shown the practical application of math, science, chemistry, and physics in firefighting and fire prevention; and

WHEREAS, The Fire Museum Education Center will include a memorial park incorporating pieces of steel from the World Trade Center into the design to pay tribute to the lives lost in the tragedy on September 11, 2001; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas,

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, hereby commend the Houston Fire Museum for its outstanding work in educating Texans about the history and importance of fire safety and its ongoing commitment to the future; and, be it further

 ${\tt RESOLVED}$, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the Houston Fire Museum as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

Gallegos, Ellis

| President of the Senate |
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| I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 20, 2005. |
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