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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Round Rock Volunteer Fire Department disbanded
2 in January 2007, bringing to a close more than a century of
3 exceptional community service; and

4 WHEREAS, This historic organization was founded by the
5 citizens of Round Rock in 1884, following two devastating fires
6 that laid waste to a private school and the Round Rock Institute;
7 the department purchased a hand-drawn hand pumper and the land for
8 its first firehouse in 1891, and by 1907, the Ladder Wagon company
9 was formed; and

10 WHEREAS, The ensuing years brought with them many changes and
11 several significant "firsts" for the RRVFD; its first new fire
12 truck, a Ford Pumper, was acquired in 1938, and the department's
13 dispatch became the earliest facility in Round Rock to be open 24
14 hours a day; the RRVFD saw another historical happening at the dawn
15 of World War II, when an all-female firefighting group, the Ladies
16 Pumper Team, was established; its members proved their abilities
17 throughout the war, ably responding to all alarms and winning
18 championship honors at a state firefighting competition; and

19 WHEREAS, As the 20th century progressed, the first paid
20 personnel were hired and two additional departments, the Jollyville
21 Volunteer Fire Department and the Sam Bass Fire Department, were
22 organized as part of the RRVFD; the department split to form the
23 Round Rock Fire Department in 1982, and the members of the RRVFD
24 continued to serve their own portions of the rapidly growing

1 community; and

2 WHEREAS, For 123 years, the Round Rock Volunteer Fire
3 Department was a symbol of safety and security, and its many
4 outstanding members demonstrated an inspiring level of bravery and
5 self-sacrifice; the institution earned its place in the annals of
6 its community, and it will not soon be forgotten; now, therefore, be
7 it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
9 Legislature hereby honor the Round Rock Volunteer Fire Department
10 for its more than 12 decades of service to its community and
11 recognize all who served in this exceptional organization for their
12 contributions to their fellow citizens.