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## RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The Air Land Emergency Resource Team (ALERT) has 2 rendered invaluable aid to countless individuals during times of 3 crisis; and

WHEREAS, ALERT is a training and service organization dedicated to providing disaster relief, search and rescue operations, and humanitarian aid at the request of public officials; and

8 WHEREAS, The members of this outstanding group have completed 9 an intensive 14-month training program located at the International 10 ALERT Academy in the Piney Woods of Texas; there, they learn a 11 variety of rescue skills, ranging from land search and water 12 recovery to structural fire fighting and crime scene evidence 13 searches, all of which prepare them to be of assistance in an 14 emergency; and

WHEREAS, Since its inception, ALERT men have answered the call to serve in several countries and more than 20 states; their efforts have included responding to tornadoes, floods, mud slides, and hurricanes, including Katrina and Rita, as well as conducting wilderness searches for lost people and downed aircraft, assisting officials with city improvements, and providing leadership at children's camps; and

22 WHEREAS, The men of ALERT exemplify high ideals of character 23 and service, and their important work truly makes a difference in 24 the lives of countless people; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas Legislature hereby commend the Air Land Emergency Resource Team for its notable service in behalf of people in crisis situations and extend to all members best wishes for the future; and, be it further RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be prepared for ALERT as an expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.