

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Captain David Baker of the Mesquite Fire Department
2 has been named the department's 2007 Officer of the Year, providing
3 a fitting tribute for this dedicated public servant; and

4 WHEREAS, Hired as a firefighter in November 1978, Captain
5 Baker has risen steadily through the ranks during his lengthy
6 tenure with the department; he was promoted to engineer in 1985 and
7 earned the rank of lieutenant in 1994 before attaining his current
8 rank in 2000; and

9 WHEREAS, Active with the United Way campaign for several
10 years, Captain Baker helped the department set a record for
11 donations in 2006; he also gave generously of his time to lead the
12 department's "Fired Up for Santa" campaign, enabling the group to
13 have its most successful gift drive to date; and

14 WHEREAS, Inspiring others with his respect for tradition and
15 history and his outgoing, personable nature, Captain Baker has
16 earned the trust and admiration of his fellow firefighters and of
17 countless members of the community, and his latest accolade is
18 indicative of the high regard in which this esteemed gentleman is
19 held; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
21 Legislature hereby congratulate Captain David Baker on his
22 selection as the Mesquite Fire Department 2007 Officer of the Year
23 and commend him for his continuing efforts to safeguard the homes
24 and lives of his fellow citizens and make a positive difference in

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1 his community; and, be it further

2 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
3 prepared for Captain Baker as an expression of high regard by the
4 Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 861 was adopted by the House on March 28, 2007, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House