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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dawn Clopton has become the first female firefighter
2 to be promoted to the rank of division chief in the Austin Fire
3 Department; and

4 WHEREAS, One of the department's longest-serving female
5 members, Chief Clopton has been a ranking officer in some of the
6 city's busiest fire stations, an executive member of the Austin
7 Firefighters Association, and a member of the department's
8 technical rescue team, as well as a spokeswoman for the department
9 on several occasions; and

10 WHEREAS, Her most recent promotion puts her in charge of
11 special projects; she will focus on increasing diversity in the
12 department, reviewing and developing policies with a view to
13 attracting a wider cross-section of the community to the
14 organization; and

15 WHEREAS, Widely admired for her profound commitment to the
16 firefighter's calling, Chief Clopton has twice received the
17 department's Medal of Merit for exemplary service; in addition, she
18 traveled to New York after the attacks of September 11, 2001, to
19 help search for victims and also employed her expertise in New
20 Orleans and the Gulf Coast region to help victims of Hurricanes
21 Katrina and Rita in 2005; and

22 WHEREAS, Chief Dawn Clopton has exemplified those qualities
23 of dedication, initiative, and integrity that define the very best
24 in public service, and her elevation to the top ranks of her

1 department is both a justly deserved recognition of her outstanding
2 contributions and abilities and a welcome development for the City
3 of Austin; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
5 Legislature hereby congratulate Dawn Clopton on her appointment as
6 one of the Austin Fire Department's five division chiefs and extend
7 to her sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
9 prepared for Chief Clopton as an expression of high regard by the
10 Texas House of Representatives.