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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Northwest EMS of Harris County Emergency Services
2 District 8 has been faithfully serving the citizens of Texas for
3 more than a quarter-century; and

4 WHEREAS, Recognizing the need for a community emergency
5 medical service, citizens of Tomball, Rosehill, and Magnolia worked
6 together with assistance from Tomball Regional Hospital to charter
7 the Northwest Rural Emergency Medical Services Association in
8 December 1980; and

9 WHEREAS, The service's first station, a building donated by
10 the G. W. Brautigam family, was renovated and converted with the
11 help of many selfless volunteers, and Tomball Regional Hospital
12 played a key role in the acquisition of an ambulance and supplies;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Staffed initially by volunteers alone, Northwest
15 Rural EMS answered its first call in February 1981; as the number of
16 emergency calls increased, a paid dispatcher/driver was soon hired;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, A second ambulance was purchased the following year
19 and the city of Tomball soon increased its involvement, helping to
20 pay for a day staff medic, while the city's police department took
21 over dispatch duties; and

22 WHEREAS, With the growth of Tomball and its environs, the
23 association moved to its new quarters at Tomball Regional Hospital
24 in 1984, more ambulances were purchased, and a second employee was

1 hired to provide additional manpower; in 1992, the operation was
2 fully computerized, and, in January 1993, the Northwest Rural
3 Emergency Medical Services Med Com Communications Center was
4 opened; and

5 WHEREAS, In the years since, the number of calls per week to
6 the service has tripled, and today a full-time communications staff
7 dispatches EMS and firefighting services as well as a helicopter
8 out of the hospital; for its outstanding record, Northwest Rural
9 Emergency Medical Services was named the Texas EMS Provider of the
10 Year for 2005; and

11 WHEREAS, Under the leadership of Chief Brian Petrilla, the
12 dedicated staff of Northwest Rural Emergency Medical Services
13 continues a 26-year tradition of providing quality emergency
14 medical care and sharing vital expertise with area residents in
15 times of need; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
17 Legislature hereby honor Northwest Rural Emergency Medical
18 Services for its 26 years of service and commend all those
19 associated with this exemplary organization; and, be it further

20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
21 prepared for Northwest EMS as an expression of high regard by the
22 Texas House of Representatives.