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H.R. No. 1609

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, After more than 24 years of exceptional service with
2 the Mesquite Fire Department, firefighter and paramedic Homer
3 Phillips is retiring on May 31, 2007; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Phillips began his career with the Mesquite Fire
5 Department on December 6, 1982, and he earned his paramedic
6 certification in 1985; over the years, he has received numerous
7 commendations for his exemplary actions; one of his most
8 prestigious accolades was the Outstanding Service to the Department
9 Award, which he received in 2002 for his demonstration of pride on
10 the job and his contributions to public safety; and

11 WHEREAS, Highly regarded by his colleagues for performing
12 work that goes beyond the call of duty, Mr. Phillips has taken on
13 tasks such as building storage areas and ramps and installing
14 wiring for Station 7; this generous firefighter donated many hours
15 of his own time to complete these projects; and

16 WHEREAS, Homer Phillips has stepped forward in many off-duty
17 emergencies, as well; he frequently renders first aid in times of
18 crisis, and when a tornado threatened citizens in Palestine, he led
19 200 people to a basement for protection; and

20 WHEREAS, Strengthened by the love and support of his wife,
21 Laura Phillips, and their two children, Homer Phillips has
22 contributed immeasurably to the health and well-being of countless
23 Texans, and his steadfast efforts are most deserving of
24 recognition; now, therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
2 Legislature hereby congratulate Homer Phillips on the occasion of
3 his retirement from the Mesquite Fire Department and extend to him
4 best wishes for the future; and, be it further

5 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
6 prepared for Mr. Phillips as an expression of high regard by the
7 Texas House of Representatives.