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H.R. No. 2106

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The International Association of Black Professional
2 Firefighters hosted its South Central Region Spring 2007 Conference
3 on April 11-15 in San Antonio; and

4 WHEREAS, Since its inception in 1970, the International
5 Association of Black Professional Firefighters has worked to
6 correct injustices that African Americans may encounter in the fire
7 service, as well as to advocate for the recruitment, employment,
8 and advancement of African American firefighters; today, the IABPFF
9 represents some 8,500 members in 122 chapters located in the United
10 States, Barbados, the West Indies, and England; and

11 WHEREAS, The association has achieved several major
12 milestones in its rich history, including an increase in the number
13 of African American fire chief officers and firefighters as well as
14 an increase in the number of females in the American fire service;
15 moreover, the IABPFF has established the National Community
16 Volunteer Fire Prevention Program and the Carl Holmes Executive
17 Development Institute at Clark Atlanta University, promoted
18 employment opportunities and equal treatment for its members, and
19 worked on public policy initiatives at the national level that
20 affect the entire fire service community; and

21 WHEREAS, For nearly four decades, the association has made a
22 positive difference in the lives of countless black firefighters
23 and in the communities they serve, and it is a pleasure to honor
24 this significant organization on the occasion of its South Central

1 Region Spring 2007 Conference; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
3 Legislature hereby commend the International Association of Black
4 Professional Firefighters for its myriad contributions to its
5 membership; and, be it further

6 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
7 prepared for the International Association of Black Professional
8 Firefighters as an expression of high regard by the Texas House of
9 Representatives.