

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, In recognition of his outstanding volunteer
2 service, Chris Gonzales received a 2007 Jefferson Award for Public
3 Service at a ceremony held at Lamar University in Beaumont on March
4 6, 2007; and

5 WHEREAS, Established in 1972 by the American Institute for
6 Public Service, the awards are presented both nationally and
7 locally, with the local awards honoring ordinary people for
8 performing extraordinary service without expectation of reward;
9 the awards for southeast Texas have been sponsored since 1990 by the
10 *Beaumont Enterprise*, which selected 11 volunteers this year out of
11 50 nominations; and

12 WHEREAS, A professional industrial firefighter for 26 years,
13 Mr. Gonzales also fights fires in his free time as chief of the
14 volunteer Jefferson County Emergency Services District No. 1 in
15 Bevil Oaks; he has volunteered with the district since 1993; and

16 WHEREAS, Covering a region of 32 square miles, the emergency
17 services team of the district provides emergency medical care to
18 remote rural locations, providing needed assistance until an
19 ambulance arrives; to that end, Mr. Gonzales earned his paramedic
20 certification in 1998; and

21 WHEREAS, Fighting fires both as a professional and as a
22 volunteer, Mr. Gonzales has given generously of his time and energy
23 to safeguard the lives and property of his fellow citizens, and it
24 is indeed fitting that he be recognized with this notable honor;

1 now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
3 Legislature hereby congratulate Chris Gonzales on his selection as
4 a recipient of a 2007 Jefferson Award by the *Beaumont Enterprise* and
5 extend to him sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it
6 further

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

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H.R. No. 2540

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2540 was adopted by the House on May 25, 2007, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House