

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 969

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the citizens of Walden on Lake Conroe for developing an emergency preparedness team to respond to natural disasters; and

**WHEREAS**, Walden is located on a peninsula in Lake Conroe; on three occasions in its recent past, the community was isolated due to natural disasters; and

**WHEREAS**, The Walden Emergency Management Action Team was formed in 2003, and a program was developed to respond to the needs of residents following an emergency, such as a tornado, hurricane, or other natural disaster, when regular Montgomery County emergency providers are not available; and

**WHEREAS**, In January of 2004, Montgomery County received a \$25,000 grant from the Department of Homeland Security for the Walden Emergency Management Action Team (WEMAT) and the organization was merged with the Homeland Security Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and became known as WEMAT/CERT; and

**WHEREAS**, The team has grown and now has 175 volunteer members who serve a community of 6,500 residents; eight members have become certified as trainers, and 31 members have completed the team's 100-hour training course; and

**WHEREAS**, Being prepared for emergencies is important in ensuring the safety and well-being of each citizen in the community; undoubtedly, all of the citizens of Walden will benefit from the efforts of the volunteers who have taken the initiative to join an emergency team in order to help their community in the event of a disaster; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby commend the members of the Walden Emergency Management Action Team-Community Emergency Response Team for their volunteer work and training on behalf of their community; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 4, 2007.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate