

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1000**

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the Houston Professional Fire Fighters Association, International Association of Fire Fighters Local 341 for its many years of outstanding service to the firefighters of Houston; and

**WHEREAS**, Professional firefighters in Houston first organized in 1902 as part of the American Federation of Labor; these early union members were successful in establishing changes to the city's charter that improved the pensions of firefighters and police officers and authorized the construction and maintenance of municipal hospitals and orphanages; and

**WHEREAS**, The Houston Professional Fire Fighters Association became the International Association of Fire Fighters Local 341 on November 25, 1932, with 25 members; today, with more than 3,800 courageous men and women, the Houston Fire Department is the third-largest fire department in the nation, and Local 341 is the third-largest firefighters' union in the country; and

**WHEREAS**, The leadership and members of the Houston Professional Fire Fighters Association have worked to ensure appropriate wages for a skilled and dangerous profession, a pension that recognizes the limited number of working years, and modern protective clothing and equipment for firefighters; through its committed work with elected officials, the union has helped establish such safeguards as the Meet and Confer bill and the right to collectively bargain; and

**WHEREAS**, The Houston Professional Fire Fighters Association, International Association of Fire Fighters Local 341 has served its members and the Houston firefighters for 75 years and is truly deserving of recognition for its exceptional service and many accomplishments; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby commend the Houston Professional Fire Fighters Association, International Association of Fire Fighters Local 341 for 75 years of exemplary service to the Houston firefighters and to its union members; and, be it further

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

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Averitt	Hegar	Shapiro
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Dewhurst, President of the Senate

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I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 9, 2007.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate