

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1001

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the Local 341 Houston Hispanic Firefighters Caucus on the occasion of its 25th anniversary; and

WHEREAS, Established in late 1981 by a small group of determined Houston firefighters, this organization has grown to be an influential and integral part of the City of Houston, the Houston Fire Department, and Local 341; and

WHEREAS, Comprised of Hispanic firefighters and paramedics, the Hispanic Firefighters Caucus has played a large role in improving the quality of life in the Houston community; this organization has assisted Houston residents with basic needs such as food, furniture, smoke detectors, and fire safety education; it has also provided Christmas gifts to children who would otherwise go without; and

WHEREAS, For over 25 years, firefighters involved with this organization have held annual fundraisers including barbecues, softball tournaments, golf tournaments, and benefit dances to raise funds for numerous community projects; the Hispanic Firefighters Caucus has achieved recognition from many civic and service organizations for its generous contributions to the citizens of Houston; and

WHEREAS, The Hispanic Firefighters Caucus also plays an active role in the legislative process, voicing the concerns of firefighters and the Houston community; its advocacy in fire safety and its benefits to its members are part of the caucus mission; and

WHEREAS, The Hispanic Firefighters Caucus also works with firefighters in Mexico and other Latin American countries to share firefighting techniques, educate new firefighters, and assist in obtaining firefighting equipment for those fire departments with limited resources; and

WHEREAS, The members of the Hispanic Firefighters Caucus have devoted many years to serving the Houston community, the Houston Fire Department, Local 341, and firefighters in Latin American countries; their patriotism, courage, and dedication are inspirational to all, and they are truly deserving of recognition; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby commend the Local 341 Houston Hispanic Firefighters Caucus for its advocacy on behalf of its members and the Houston community and extend congratulations to the caucus on its 25th anniversary; and, be it further

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RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the Local 341 Houston Hispanic Firefighters Caucus in honor of this special occasion.

Gallegos

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.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate