

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, In recognition of his exemplary service to his  
2 fellow citizens, Deputy Chief Ubaldo Perez of the Edinburg  
3 Volunteer Fire Department has been named the 2009 Firefighter of  
4 the Year by the State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association of  
5 Texas; and

6           WHEREAS, Each year, the SFFMA presents this prestigious award  
7 to a Texas firefighter for acts of bravery, leadership ability, or  
8 contributions to the community, or for the introduction of  
9 innovative training methods; and

10           WHEREAS, Fulfilling a childhood dream, Ubaldo Perez first  
11 gained familiarity with the Edinburg VFD as a member of its fire  
12 service youth program; he later worked with the department as a  
13 volunteer firefighter; and

14           WHEREAS, After serving for a time as a firefighter in  
15 McAllen, Mr. Perez returned to the Edinburg department as deputy  
16 chief in 2001; in addition to overseeing the training of all  
17 full-time and volunteer firefighters in Edinburg, he coordinates  
18 firefighter training for the SFFMA's Rio Grande Valley district;  
19 and

20           WHEREAS, This outstanding public servant has also worked to  
21 increase fire safety awareness in his community, performing as a  
22 clown with a team that educates children about fire and its dangers;  
23 and

24           WHEREAS, For nearly a quarter century, Deputy Chief Perez has

1 earned the respect of his colleagues and peers for his  
2 professionalism, commitment to excellence, and dedication to  
3 public safety, and he may indeed take great pride in receiving this  
4 special honor; and

5 WHEREAS, Representative Aaron Peña has justly recognized  
6 Deputy Chief Ubaldo Perez by authoring this resolution in his  
7 behalf during the 81st Texas Legislature, 1st Called Session; now,  
8 therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
10 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby congratulate Deputy Chief  
11 Ubaldo Perez on his selection as the 2009 Firefighter of the Year by  
12 the State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association of Texas and  
13 extend to him sincere best wishes for continued success and  
14 happiness; and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
16 prepared for Deputy Chief Perez as an expression of high regard by  
17 the Texas House of Representatives.

Peña

H.R. No. 28

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 28 was adopted by the House on July 2, 2009, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House