

By: Davis of Dallas

H.R. No. 33

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Joe M. Spigner retired as a communication fire
2 dispatcher for the Dallas Fire-Rescue Department on June 30, 2009,
3 after more than 28 years of dedicated service; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on April 1, 1950, in Wichita Falls, Joe Spigner
5 graduated from Booker T. Washington High School and earned a
6 bachelor's degree in economics and business administration from
7 Bishop College in 1976; along the way, he served his country as a
8 member of the U.S. Air Force and was awarded the Air Force
9 Commendation Medal; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Spigner began his tenure with the Dallas
11 Fire-Rescue Department on May 13, 1981, and served as a firefighter
12 and paramedic before becoming a communication fire dispatcher; he
13 has long been affiliated with the International Association of
14 Black Professional Fire Fighters, which he served as south central
15 regional corresponding secretary, and the Dallas Black Fire
16 Fighters Association, which he served as president; and

17 WHEREAS, An avid basketball fan, Mr. Spigner has further
18 distinguished himself as a member of the Texas Association of
19 Sports Officials, the Dallas Basketball Officials Association, and
20 the Fort Worth Chapter of Basketball Officials; moreover, he has
21 volunteered his time with the Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce, and
22 he has been recognized for his community service with such
23 organizations as the Dallas Independent School District; and

24 WHEREAS, In all of his endeavors, Mr. Spigner enjoys the love

1 and support of his wife, Mary, as well as their two sons, Jerwin and
2 Marcus; and

3 WHEREAS, Joe Spigner's professionalism, dedication to his
4 department, and commitment to the public welfare have greatly
5 benefited his fellow citizens, and he may indeed reflect with pride
6 on a career well spent as he embarks on the next exciting chapter of
7 his life; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
9 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby congratulate Joe Spigner on
10 his retirement from the Dallas Fire-Rescue Department and extend to
11 him sincere best wishes for continued success and happiness; and,
12 be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for Mr. Spigner as an expression of high regard by the
15 Texas House of Representatives.