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H.C.R. No. 190

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Residents of Northeast Texas lost a brave and
2 dedicated member of the community with the death of volunteer
3 firefighter Joe Pat Jordan on July 4, 2008, at the age of 71; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Jordan was an active member and the
5 secretary-treasurer of the Pickton-Pine Forest Volunteer Fire
6 Department, which he helped found in 1976; on July 2, 2008, he and
7 another firefighter were responding to a call when Mr. Jordan
8 suffered a heart attack shortly after leaving the station; and

9 WHEREAS, Born on January 26, 1937, to Maurice and Zelena
10 Jordan, Joe Pat Jordan worked as an electrician for 37 years and
11 retired from Verizon; he shared a long and fulfilling marriage with
12 his wife, Nell Jordan, with whom he raised three children; and

13 WHEREAS, Known throughout the area for his generosity of
14 spirit, Mr. Jordan was not only deeply involved in the development
15 of the fire department, but he also shared his time with the
16 cemetery committee and served for more than a decade as a board
17 member of the Como-Pickton Independent School District; and

18 WHEREAS, Members of the Pickton-Pine Forest Volunteer Fire
19 Department made a formal request to have Mr. Jordan's name added to
20 the Volunteer Firemen monument on the grounds of the State Capitol,
21 and the State Firemen's & Fire Marshals' Association of Texas
22 approved the request in March 2009; and

23 WHEREAS, Joe Pat Jordan carried out his duties with courage
24 and a selfless commitment to his fellow citizens, and the family,

1 friends, and colleagues of this remarkable man will forever carry
2 their memories of him close in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the 81st Legislature of the State of Texas
4 hereby pay tribute to volunteer firefighter Joe Pat Jordan and
5 extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife of
6 52 years, Nell Jordan; to his children, Jeff Jordan, Carolyn
7 Woolverston, and Sharon Carr; to his 10 grandchildren and his
8 great-grandchild; and to his other relatives and friends; and, be
9 it further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
11 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
12 Representatives and Senate adjourn this day, they do so in memory of
13 Joe Pat Jordan.