

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Texas House of Representatives is pleased to
2 welcome members of the State Firemen's and Fire Marshals'
3 Association of Texas who are participating in Firefighter
4 Legislative Day at the State Capitol on March 25, 2009; and

5 WHEREAS, The State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association
6 of Texas is the oldest and largest fire service organization in the
7 Lone Star State; the association was founded in 1876 and currently
8 represents more than 1,200 fire departments, nearly 20,000
9 individual members, and over 80 industrial fire brigades; and

10 WHEREAS, The association sponsors and supports the world's
11 largest fire-training school, which is held each summer at Texas
12 A&M University; moreover, it offers an educational certification
13 program for volunteer firefighters and encourages training,
14 education, and certification for all volunteers, who make up
15 approximately 70 percent of Texas firefighters; and

16 WHEREAS, The members of this esteemed organization are
17 gathering to recognize and pay tribute to the tireless and heroic
18 actions of the members of the Texas fire service, and the names of
19 six courageous volunteer firefighters who died in the line of duty
20 are being added to the Volunteer Firemen monument on the Capitol
21 grounds; and

22 WHEREAS, Those firefighters being honored are Elmer Homilius
23 of the Comfort Volunteer Fire Department, who died on October 15,
24 1984, Austin Cheek and Kevin Williams of the Noonday Volunteer Fire

1 Department, who died on August 3, 2007, William Simes of the
2 Giddings Volunteer Fire Department, who died on September 25, 2007,
3 Robert Knight of the Teague Volunteer Fire Department, who died on
4 July 5, 2008, and Joe Jordan of the Pickton-Pine Forest Volunteer
5 Fire Department, who died on July 4, 2008; all of these valiant
6 individuals made the ultimate sacrifice while serving their
7 communities, and their vital service will not soon be forgotten;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, The State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association
10 of Texas is working to uphold its mission to promote, unify,
11 represent, and educate the fire service of Texas, and it is a
12 privilege to recognize the brave men and women who help safeguard
13 lives and property in communities all across the Lone Star State;
14 now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
16 Legislature hereby commend the firefighters of Texas for their
17 courageous actions and devotion to duty in behalf of their fellow
18 citizens and pay tribute to the volunteer firefighters who have
19 died in the line of duty.

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Straus	Gattis	Menendez
Allen	Geren	Merritt
Alonzo	Giddings	Miklos
Alvarado	Gonzales	Miller of Comal
Anchia	Gonzalez Toureilles	Miller of Erath
Anderson	Guillen	Moody
Aycock	Gutierrez	Morrison
Berman	Hamilton	Naishtat
Bohac	Hancock	Oliveira
Bolton	Hardcastle	Olivo
Bonnen	Harless	Orr
Branch	Harper-Brown	Ortiz, Jr.
Brown of Kaufman	Hartnett	Otto
Brown of Brazos	Heflin	Parker
Burnam	Hernandez	Patrick
Button	Herrero	Paxton
Callegari	Hilderbran	Peña
Castro	Hochberg	Phillips
Chavez	Hodge	Pickett
Chisum	Homer	Pierson
Christian	Hopson	Pitts
Cohen	Howard of Fort Bend	Quintanilla
Coleman	Howard of Travis	Raymond
Cook	Hughes	Riddle
Corte	Hunter	Rios Ybarra
Crabb	Isett	Ritter
Craddick	Jackson	Rodriguez
Creighton	Jones	Rose
Crownover	Keffer	Sheffield
Darby	Kent	Shelton
Davis of Harris	King of Parker	Smith of Tarrant
Davis of Dallas	King of Taylor	Smith of Harris
Deshotel	King of Zavala	Smithee
Driver	Kleinschmidt	Solomons
Dukes	Kolkhorst	Strama
Dunnam	Kuempel	Swinford
Dutton	Laubenberg	Taylor
Edwards	Legler	Thibaut
Eiland	Leibowitz	Thompson
Eissler	Lewis	Truitt
Elkins	Lucio III	Turner of Tarrant
England	Madden	Turner of Harris
Farabee	Maldonado	Vaught
Farias	Mallory Caraway	Veasey
Farrar	Marquez	Villarreal
Fletcher	Martinez	Vo
Flores	Martinez Fischer	Walle
Flynn	McCall	Weber
Frost	McClendon	Woolley
Gallego	McReynolds	Zerwas

H.R. No. 868

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 868 was adopted by the House on March 25, 2009, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House