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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, GB Aerial Applications, Inc., operated by the  
2 father-and-son pilot team of David and Dain Guetersloh, has been  
3 fighting fires since 2005; and

4 WHEREAS, Based in Plains, GB Aerial has provided firefighting  
5 services in a number of states, among them Oklahoma, Colorado, and  
6 Minnesota; in 2008, the company responded to fires from tanker  
7 bases in Childress, Amarillo, Fort Stockton, Marfa, Abilene, and  
8 Waco and assisted the Texas Forest Service in battling a number of  
9 massive fires, including the 23,000-acre Cathedral fire, the  
10 45,000-acre Hughes Ranch fire, and the 98,000-acre Huckabee fire;  
11 these efforts helped save some 120 structures; most recently, GB  
12 Aerial helped battle the wind-driven fire that raged in Bastrop  
13 County; and

14 WHEREAS, The Gueterslohs have demonstrated a tireless  
15 commitment to firefighting, and GB Aerial has established a  
16 reputation for excellence; the company, owned by Dain, David, and  
17 Sarah Guetersloh, Dain's mother, employs highly trained and  
18 experienced pilots and uses state-of-the-art Type III high-volume  
19 aircraft capable of delivering wide coverage levels; and

20 WHEREAS, Requiring great courage and skill, aerial  
21 firefighting involves the use of low-flying air tankers that must  
22 endure high-stress maneuvers in turbulent air; the dedication and  
23 expertise of aerial firefighters will likely prove particularly  
24 crucial in Texas during the 2009 fire season, given the prolonged

1 drought conditions besetting the state, and GB Aerial is presently  
2 on station in Fredericksburg, prepared to protect citizens and  
3 property; now, therefore, be it

4       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
5 Legislature hereby commend David and Dain Guetersloh of GB Aerial  
6 Applications, Inc., for their service as pilots and firefighters  
7 and extend to them best wishes for continued success; and, be it  
8 further

9       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
10 prepared for the Gueterslohs as an expression of high regard by the  
11 Texas House of Representatives.