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## RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The Reverend Alvertice Bowdre, Jr., has served as a 2 member of the Prairie View Volunteer Fire Fighting Association 3 since 1986, and at the age of 78, he continues to render essential 4 assistance; and

5 WHEREAS, Born in Thyatira, Mississippi, on July 21, 1930, Alvertice Bowdre was educated in Mississippi and Texas and became 6 7 one of the first graduates of Southwestern Christian College; like his father, he was called to the ministry, and for more than half a 8 century he has led Church of Christ congregations in Oklahoma, 9 Indiana, Tennessee, and Texas; he is currently the minister of the 10 11 Highway 6 Church of Christ in Navasota; through the years, he also 12 worked as a property manager and juvenile probation officer, and he has been employed as a sales associate at Sears since 2001; and 13

14 WHEREAS, This industrious and civic-minded Texan has given generously of his time and talents to numerous 15 community 16 organizations; he participated on a committee addressing urban renewal issues in the 1970s and has served as a 4-H Club leader and 17 Cub Scout master; moreover, he was the first president of his alma 18 mater's alumni association, and Southwestern Christian College 19 20 recognized his noteworthy contributions in 2006 by naming one of 21 its largest annual recruitment events Alvertice Bowdre, Jr., High School Day; and 22

23 WHEREAS, Courageous and deeply committed to public safety, 24 Reverend Bowdre has earned the high admiration of his fellow

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1 firefighters, and his skill and calm demeanor are invaluable to the 2 response team for the Waller-Harris Emergency Service District; the 3 fire fighting association accorded him its Distinguished Service 4 Award in 2007, and the following August it named a building in his 5 honor; and

6 WHEREAS, Reverend Bowdre has touched many lives by providing 7 aid, comfort, and compassion in times of distress, and his 8 dedication to the people of his community is a source of tremendous 9 inspiration to all who know him; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas 11 Legislature hereby commend the Reverend Alvertice Bowdre, Jr., for 12 his service to the Prairie View Volunteer Fire Fighting Association 13 and extend to him best wishes for continued success and happiness; 14 and, be it further

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

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1466 was adopted by the House on April 27, 2009, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House