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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Proud members of the Spring Fire Department are  
2 joining with local citizens to dedicate a new fire station and  
3 administration building at a ceremony on July 2, 2011; and

4           WHEREAS, Station 71 is a state-of-the-art,  
5 14,000-square-foot facility with four vehicle bays, located on East  
6 Louetta Road next door to the new, 10,000-square-foot  
7 administration building; and

8           WHEREAS, Chartered in 1953 with only seven members, the  
9 Spring Fire Department has grown to accommodate the community and  
10 today includes more than 100 paid and volunteer professionals who  
11 work to protect the lives and property of some 100,000 people in  
12 Northwest Harris County; and

13           WHEREAS, In addition to fighting fires, the department  
14 handles emergency medical calls, rescue and vehicle extrication,  
15 and hazardous materials services; members of the department also  
16 regularly educate the public about the use of smoke detectors and  
17 fire extinguishers, the hazards of carbon monoxide, and the  
18 importance of emergency exit drills in the home; and

19           WHEREAS, The Spring Fire Department's two new buildings are  
20 being dedicated in memory of several people, including district  
21 chief Michael F. West, who died in the line of duty on March 2, 1985,  
22 and former firefighters John Miller, Frank Arp, Terry O'Toole, Alan  
23 Schlein, Ron Thomas, and Bob Aman; and

24           WHEREAS, The Spring Fire Department has contributed to the

1 safety and welfare of the community for nearly 60 years, and these  
2 new facilities will further ensure its ability to best serve the  
3 area public; now, therefore, be it

4         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
5 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby commemorate the dedication  
6 of the Spring Fire Department's Station 71 and adjacent  
7 administration building and extend to all those in attendance  
8 sincere best wishes for a meaningful and memorable event; and, be it  
9 further

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