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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Pasadena Volunteer Fire Department has served
2 the city and surrounding communities for more than eight decades,
3 and it is indeed fitting to recognize the enormous contributions of
4 this noteworthy organization; and

5 WHEREAS, The largest single-municipality, all-volunteer fire
6 department in the United States, the Pasadena Volunteer Fire
7 Department was founded in 1930 with an initial membership of 25
8 firefighters; today, its ranks include more than 200 active
9 firefighters and 50 semi-active firefighters who dedicate
10 themselves to the safety and security of their fellow citizens; and

11 WHEREAS, The PVFD has mutual aid agreements with all of its
12 neighboring cities and many other nearby municipal and industrial
13 fire departments and responds to approximately 170 alarms per month
14 in its almost 60-square-mile service area; it provides mutual aid
15 protection to Ellington Field, NASA's Johnson Space Center, and the
16 University of Houston-Clear Lake, and it is an active member of the
17 Channel Industries Mutual Aid organization, which responds to
18 emergencies at petrochemical plants and refineries in the region;
19 moreover, the department is the parent organization to the Pasadena
20 Fire Marshal's Office, which handles inspections, fire prevention,
21 and cause and origin investigations; and

22 WHEREAS, Since 2006, the department has benefited from the
23 able guidance of Chief Lanny Armstrong; his strong leadership team
24 includes assistant chief Richard Lawhorn and district chiefs

1 Granville Brasfield, Frank Butler, Dana Jenkins, Michael Kainer,
2 Bill Moon, Dwight Ottele, Steve Owen, and John Stokes; and

3 WHEREAS, The courageous firefighters serving and protecting
4 Pasadena residents over the past 81 years have set the highest
5 standards of excellence, and their department is a source of
6 tremendous pride to the community; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
8 Legislature hereby honor the Pasadena Volunteer Fire Department and
9 extend to its members sincere best wishes for continued success in
10 their important work; and, be it further

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