

By: Workman

H.R. No. 843

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Chris C. Barron is chief of the Manchaca Fire/Rescue  
2 Department and executive director of the State Firemen's and Fire  
3 Marshals' Association of Texas, and throughout his noteworthy  
4 career, he has contributed greatly to the safety and well-being of  
5 his fellow citizens; and

6           WHEREAS, The Manchaca fire department that Chris Barron  
7 joined over 20 years ago was an all-volunteer organization; he was  
8 named the department's chief after nine years, and he was  
9 instrumental in its transition to a combination department with  
10 four paid staff and a full-time assistant chief; he has also figured  
11 prominently in successful efforts to secure five U.S. Department of  
12 Homeland Security grants and numerous state and local grants, and  
13 he now oversees a five-station, 48-member department that serves 21  
14 square miles and answers more than 700 calls per year as a vital  
15 provider of fire suppression, fire prevention, and EMS first  
16 response services; and

17           WHEREAS, The State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association  
18 of Texas represents more than 21,000 fire and emergency services  
19 personnel, and Chief Barron is responsible for its management; he  
20 previously served as deputy director and, before coming to the  
21 association, as director of fire prevention for the State Fire  
22 Marshal's Office; and

23           WHEREAS, Chief Barron is a member of the Texas Fire Marshal's  
24 Association, the National Fire Protection Association, the Texas

1 State Fire Marshal's Firefighter Fatality Advisory Board, and the  
2 Texas Engineering Extension Service Advisory Council; and

3 WHEREAS, Certified as a firefighter, instructor, emergency  
4 care attendant, and fire investigator, Chief Barron also teaches  
5 CPR and first aid for the department and the community; he holds  
6 both bachelor's and master's degrees in business administration  
7 from Texas State University; and

8 WHEREAS, Chris Barron's dedication, professionalism, and  
9 commitment to excellence have benefited the residents of this state  
10 in countless ways, and he is most deserving of special recognition;  
11 now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
13 Legislature hereby commend Chris C. Barron for his exemplary  
14 leadership of the Manchaca Fire/Rescue Department and for his  
15 outstanding service in the field of firefighting and fire  
16 prevention and extend to him sincere best wishes for the future;  
17 and, be it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
19 prepared for Mr. Barron as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
20 House of Representatives.