

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Proud members of the State Firemen's and Fire  
2 Marshals' Association of Texas are gathering on March 23, 2011, to  
3 commemorate Firefighter Legislative Day at the State Capitol; and

4           WHEREAS, These esteemed men and women are paying tribute to  
5 the tireless and heroic actions of all members of the Texas fire  
6 service, and especially one courageous volunteer firefighter,  
7 Captain Thomas Araguz III, who died in the line of duty and whose  
8 name is being unveiled at the Volunteer Firemen monument on the  
9 Capitol grounds; and

10           WHEREAS, Captain Araguz was a member of the Wharton Volunteer  
11 Fire Department until his death on July 4, 2010, and his family is  
12 here with us today to honor his memory; and

13           WHEREAS, Founded in 1876, the State Firemen's and Fire  
14 Marshals' Association of Texas is the oldest fire service  
15 organization in the state; it is also the largest, with 1,200 fire  
16 and emergency services departments, more than 21,000 individual  
17 members, 80 industrial fire brigades, and 100 international  
18 members; and

19           WHEREAS, SFFMA sponsors and supports the world's largest  
20 fire-training school, held each summer at Texas A&M University; the  
21 association also provides instructors and professional services on  
22 the fire school's advisory board; and

23           WHEREAS, The cornerstone of SFFMA is the certification  
24 program for volunteer firefighters, which encourages training,

1 education, and certification for all volunteers; and

2 WHEREAS, Approximately 70 to 80 percent of Texas firefighters  
3 are volunteers who attend training sessions to learn the latest  
4 firefighting techniques and who contribute their time and effort to  
5 respond to emergency calls; and

6 WHEREAS, The State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association  
7 of Texas is working to uphold its mission to promote, unify,  
8 represent, and educate the fire service of Texas, and it is a  
9 privilege to recognize the brave men and women who help safeguard  
10 lives and property in communities all across the Lone Star State;  
11 now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
13 Legislature hereby commend the firefighters of Texas for their  
14 courageous actions and devotion to duty in behalf of their fellow  
15 citizens and pay tribute to the volunteer firefighters who have  
16 died in the line of duty.

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Straus	Gonzales of Williamson	Morrison
Aliseda	Gonzalez	Munoz, Jr.
Allen	Gooden	Murphy
Alonzo	Guillen	Naishtat
Alvarado	Gutierrez	Nash
Anchia	Hamilton	Oliveira
Anderson of Dallas	Hancock	Orr
Anderson of McLennan	Hardcastle	Otto
Aycock	Harless	Parker
Beck	Harper-Brown	Patrick
Berman	Hartnett	Paxton
Bohac	Hernandez Luna	Pena
Bonnen	Hilderbran	Perry
Branch	Hochberg	Phillips
Brown	Hopson	Pickett
Burkett	Howard of Fort Bend	Pitts
Burnam	Howard of Travis	Price
Button	Huberty	Quintanilla
Cain	Hughes	Raymond
Callegari	Hunter	Reynolds
Carter	Isaac	Riddle
Castro	Jackson	Ritter
Chisum	Johnson	Rodriguez
Christian	Keffer	Schwertner
Coleman	King of Parker	Scott
Cook	King of Taylor	Sheets
Craddick	King of Zavala	Sheffield
Creighton	Kleinschmidt	Shelton
Crownover	Kolkhorst	Simpson
Darby	Kuempel	Smith of Harris
Davis of Dallas	Landtroop	Smith of Tarrant
J. Davis of Harris	Larson	Smithee
S. Davis of Harris	Laubenberg	Solomons
Deshotel	Lavender	Strama
Driver	Legler	Taylor of Collin
Dukes	Lewis	Taylor of Galveston
Dutton	Lozano	Thompson
Eiland	Lucio III	Torres
Eissler	Lyne	Truitt
Elkins	Madden	Turner
Farias	Mallory Caraway	Veasey
Farrar	Margo	Villarreal
Fletcher	Marquez	Vo
Flynn	Martinez	Walle
Frullo	Martinez Fischer	Weber
Gallego	McClendon	White
Garza	Menendez	Woolley
Geren	Miles	Workman
Giddings	Miller of Comal	Zedler
Gonzales of Hidalgo	Miller of Erath	Zerwas

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 979 was adopted by the House on March 23, 2011, by a non-record vote.

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