

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The life of an admired former member of the Plano
2 Fire Department drew to a close on March 9, 2010, with the passing
3 of Dale Ralph "Cactus" Martin; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Cleveland, Ohio, on September 17, 1932, Dale
5 Martin moved with his family to Grand Prairie in 1945; he married
6 the former Elsie Guessett in 1956 and together they raised three
7 sons, Rickey, Ronnie, and Jeffrey; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Martin worked for Lone Star Boats and relocated
9 with them to Plano; in 1969, he joined the Plano Fire Department and
10 was given the nickname "Cactus" by the fire chief when he reported
11 for a shift with cactus needles in his hands as a result of a
12 landscaping job the day before; and

13 WHEREAS, This dedicated firefighter served the department
14 with distinction for 21 years, demonstrating the courage and skill
15 that are synonymous with that profession, and his efforts helped
16 safeguard the lives and property of his fellow citizens; and

17 WHEREAS, After retiring in 1990, he continued to assist
18 others by working as a volunteer at the Plano Senior Recreation
19 Center; he and Mrs. Martin took the opportunity to travel
20 extensively, and they were also active members of the congregation
21 at Murphy Road Baptist Church in Murphy; and

22 WHEREAS, Devoted to his family and his community, Dale Martin
23 lived a caring and purposeful life, and he is remembered with great
24 fondness and respect by his fellow firefighters and all who had the

1 good fortune to know him; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
3 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Dale Ralph "Cactus"
4 Martin and extend sincere condolences to his family, his friends,
5 and his former colleagues; and, be it further

6 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
7 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
8 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Dale
9 Martin.

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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
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Bonnen	Hilderbran	Perry
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Brown	Hopson	Pickett
Burkett	Howard of Fort Bend	Pitts
Burnam	Howard of Travis	Price
Button	Huberty	Quintanilla
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Coleman	King of Parker	Scott
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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

H.R. No. 1880

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1880 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 19, 2011.

Chief Clerk of the House