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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.