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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents of the Texas Panhandle lost a brave and
2 admirable public servant when Elias Macias Jaquez of the Cactus
3 Volunteer Fire Department died on April 20, 2011, from injuries
4 sustained in the line of duty; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Jaquez and other firefighters were battling a
6 wildfire near Dumas on April 9, 2011, when their truck became stuck
7 in rough terrain; he suffered third degree burns on more than
8 three-fifths of his body and was rushed to a burn center in Lubbock,
9 where he later passed away; and

10 WHEREAS, Born in 1961 in Cuauhtemoc, Chihuahua, Mexico, Elias
11 Jaquez worked for the JBS meat processing company and had been a
12 volunteer firefighter for two years; a family man, he was married to
13 Josephine Macias and was the proud father of four children, Amanda,
14 Sylvia, Micaela, and April, and a grandfather to three
15 grandchildren; and

16 WHEREAS, More than two dozen Panhandle towns sent fire trucks
17 to the funeral mass held for Mr. Jaquez, and firefighters from
18 across Texas and as far away as California lined up to pay their
19 respects; a benefit fund has been established in his honor at the
20 Happy State Bank; and

21 WHEREAS, Devoted to the safety and well-being of his fellow
22 citizens, Elias Jaquez was committed to his work as a volunteer
23 firefighter, and his courageous service and immeasurable sacrifice
24 will forever be remembered by all those who knew of him; now,

1 therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
3 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Elias Macias Jaquez
4 and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his
5 wife, Josephine Macias; to his daughters, Amanda Gambrell and her
6 husband, Austin Gambrell, Sylvia Macias and her husband, Javier
7 Ramos, Micaela Macias, and April Macias; to his mother, Maria
8 DeLaLuz Macias; to his brothers, Francisco Macias Jaquez, Reynaldo
9 Macias Jaquez, Juan Macias Jaquez, Jose Luis Macias Jaquez, and
10 Humberto Macias Jaquez; to his sister, Rosalia Macias Jaquez; to
11 his grandchildren, Adrian Gambrell, Alayna Gambrell, and Esven
12 Ramos; and to his other relatives and friends; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
15 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Elias
16 Jaquez.