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S.C.R. No. 54

1 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Legislature of the State of Texas honors and  
3 commemorates the life of Gregory Mack Simmons, who died April 15,  
4 2011, in the line of duty, while fighting the devastating wildfires  
5 sweeping the state; and

6 WHEREAS, Greg Simmons was a firefighter in the City of  
7 Eastland, where he was widely respected and admired for his many  
8 achievements; he was a loyal and compassionate man who was rarely  
9 seen without a smile on his face; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Simmons was born December 26, 1960, in Dallas;  
11 he was a loving husband to his wife, Carrie, and a proud and devoted  
12 father to his daughters, Kateland and Karley; he was co-owner of the  
13 family business, Allegro Mobility, a firm providing mobility  
14 devices for the elderly and disabled; and

15 WHEREAS, His career as a firefighter encompassed 21 years,  
16 first with the Sachse Fire Department and then with the Eastland  
17 Fire Department, where he served for 11 years; he was known for his  
18 willingness to assume new responsibilities and his enthusiasm for  
19 offering support wherever it was needed, and in 2001 he was named  
20 Eastland Fireman of the Year; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Simmons was active in social and civic affairs;  
22 from frying fish at high school football games to playing scary  
23 roles at the community haunted house, he was a constant and  
24 reassuring presence in the life of his community; and

1           WHEREAS, A man of courage, strength, and compassion, he gave  
2 generously to others, and his love for his family and his passion  
3 for living each day to the fullest will not be forgotten by those  
4 who knew him; and

5           WHEREAS, He was a devoted husband and father, and he leaves  
6 behind memories that will be treasured forever by his family and  
7 many friends; now, therefore, be it

8           RESOLVED, That the 82nd Legislature of the State of Texas  
9 hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Gregory  
10 Mack Simmons: his wife, Carrie Simmons; his daughters, Kateland  
11 and Karley Simmons; his mother, Thelma Inez Simmons; and his  
12 sister, Sharon Lively; and, be it further

13           RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be prepared for his  
14 family as an expression of deepest sympathy from the Texas  
15 Legislature, and that when the legislature adjourns this day, it do  
16 so in memory of Gregory Mack Simmons.