

By: Fraser

S.C.R. No. 54

1 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.