

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 730

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Charles Wayne Key for his 38 years of outstanding service with the Houston Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, A native Houstonian, Charles Key completed his fire-training course at the City of Houston Fire Training Academy in April of 1973; he completed requirements for certification as a fire inspector through classes at the Texas Commission on Fire Protection Personnel and Standards, and he completed a Public Fire Safety Education-Field Program Course at Texas A&M University; and

WHEREAS, After six years of loyal service as a ladderman and ladder truck driver, he was promoted to the position of inspector for the industrial area of Houston; in 1980, he was assigned to help develop the department's public education program, and his work included presentations for television and radio and assisting with a variety of programs focusing on fire safety in Houston's high-rise buildings; and

WHEREAS, In 1993, Mr. Key was promoted to the position of senior inspector in charge of high-rise evacuation, and from 1993 to 2008, he served as executive director of the Houston High-Rise Triad Committee; since 2000, he has served as chief inspector in the Fire Marshal's Office, which has included serving as chief over the High-Rise Inspection and Evacuation Team and managing public education and information technology for the Fire Marshal's Office; and

WHEREAS, A dedicated public servant, Mr. Key has also served for many years as a volunteer for Camp Janus, an annual camping

experience for children that have survived severe burn injury; he served as the camp's director for six years; and

WHEREAS, Charles Key is well known for his able leadership in the Houston Fire Department, and he is respected for his courage and the dedication to his profession that he has displayed throughout his career; in addition to having dealt with the unique challenges of a fire inspector's duties, Mr. Key became an ordained minister and currently serves as pastor of Tree of Life Fellowship Church in Conroe; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby commend Charles Wayne Key on his many years of outstanding public service as a member of the Houston Fire Department and extend to him best wishes for the retirement years ahead; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 7, 2011.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate