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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Friends, neighbors, and colleagues are gathering to
2 honor the courage and distinguished service of Garland firefighter
3 Devon Colbert on March 23, 2013; and

4 WHEREAS, After serving in the United States Navy, Devon
5 Colbert became a member of the Rockwall Volunteer Fire Department;
6 in 2011, he realized a lifetime dream when he officially joined
7 Garland's Fire Station No. 7; and

8 WHEREAS, Praised by his colleagues for his inexhaustible work
9 ethic and positive attitude, Mr. Colbert has been a model
10 firefighter; tragedy struck, however, in December 2012, when he was
11 seriously injured in a car accident; and

12 WHEREAS, Now tackling his recovery with the same zeal with
13 which he trained to become a firefighter, Mr. Colbert is an
14 inspiration to his community; members of the Garland and Rockwall
15 Fire Departments and of the Garland Firefighters Association, Local
16 1293, along with area residents, have joined in forming "Team
17 Devon," many wearing t-shirts with the phrase "No Brother Battles
18 Alone," to show their support for this valiant first responder; and

19 WHEREAS, In all of his endeavors, Mr. Colbert is supported by
20 the love of a devoted family that includes his wife, Emily, and
21 their two young sons; and

22 WHEREAS, Texans owe an immeasurable debt of gratitude to the
23 firefighters who protect their lives, their families, and their
24 property; Devon Colbert's willingness to do the challenging and

1 dangerous work of keeping others safe embodies the true nature of
2 heroism, and it is indeed fitting that he be recognized for his
3 consummate professionalism and for his determined, tenacious
4 spirit; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
6 Legislature hereby honor Devon Colbert for his outstanding public
7 service and extend to him heartfelt best wishes for the future; and,
8 be it further

9 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
10 prepared for Devon Colbert as an expression of high regard by the
11 Texas House of Representatives.