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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Dennis Stanek of the West University  
2 Place Fire Department is marking his 40th anniversary with the  
3 department in the summer of 2013; and

4 WHEREAS, A lifelong resident of West U, Lieutenant Stanek  
5 joined the department when he was just 19 and was promoted to  
6 lieutenant two years later; he became one of the city's first  
7 paramedics and helped build its first ambulances out of converted  
8 vans; and

9 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Stanek has played an instrumental role in  
10 the department's transition from a primarily reactive organization  
11 to an agency that works proactively to avert catastrophe through  
12 code enforcement and education; devoted to assisting his fellow  
13 citizens, he considers his profession a calling rather than a job  
14 and likes to claim that he has never worked a day in his life because  
15 he's doing what he enjoys most; and

16 WHEREAS, In addition to his service to the fire department,  
17 Lieutenant Stanek runs Stanek Painting and Specialty Finishes, a  
18 contracting business that he started as a high school student; he  
19 keeps fit in his free time as an avid outdoorsman, and he has surfed  
20 in Hawaii, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, and other places around the  
21 world; in all his endeavors, he enjoys the love and support of his  
22 wife, Kim, and his daughters, Jordyn and Sydney; and

23 WHEREAS, Dennis Stanek has served residents of West U with  
24 tremendous skill, professionalism, and enthusiasm for four

1 decades, earning their profound respect and appreciation, and it is  
2 indeed a pleasure to recognize this esteemed Texan for his  
3 contributions; now, therefore, be it

4         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
5 Legislature hereby commend Lieutenant Dennis Stanek for his 40  
6 years of service to the West University Place Fire Department and  
7 extend to him sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it  
8 further

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