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H.R. No. 1062

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The life of a dedicated public servant drew to a  
2 close with the passing of Chief Eugene Steven Perdue of the Mineral  
3 Wells Fire Department on December 5, 2011, at the age of 63; and

4           WHEREAS, A native of the Lone Star State, Steve Perdue was  
5 born in Ranger on February 12, 1948, to Eugene and Ruby Perdue; he  
6 graduated from Eastland High School and went on to earn his  
7 bachelor's and master's degrees from Tarleton State University; in  
8 1967, he began a notable career in education and worked as a high  
9 school chemistry and advanced science teacher and as an assistant  
10 principal; and

11           WHEREAS, Mr. Perdue was devoted to protecting and serving his  
12 fellow citizens; he joined the Mineral Wells Volunteer Fire  
13 Department in 1977, and through the years he worked his way up from  
14 firefighter to fire chief; his exceptional efforts earned him  
15 recognition as the department's 2011 Firefighter of the Year; and

16           WHEREAS, In addition to serving on the legislative board of  
17 the State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association of Texas,  
18 Chief Perdue wrote grant proposals that helped to supply  
19 much-needed equipment to a number of fire departments; also  
20 benefiting from his skill and expertise were his students at the  
21 Texas Engineering Extension Service Municipal Fire School, where he  
22 taught every year, and residents of Palo Pinto County, which he  
23 served as emergency management coordinator; and

24           WHEREAS, Chief Perdue further gave back to others by helping

1 to establish Tommy's Angel Tree, a nonprofit organization that  
2 provides Christmas presents for area children in need; in all of his  
3 endeavors, he enjoyed the support of his loving wife, Carla; and

4 WHEREAS, Steve Perdue made a positive difference in the  
5 community he served, and he left behind a legacy to treasure for  
6 those who held him dear; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
8 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Eugene Steven  
9 Perdue and extend deepest sympathy to his wife, Carla Hay-Perdue,  
10 to his aunt, Corrine Wescott, and to his other relatives and many  
11 friends; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
13 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
14 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Steve  
15 Perdue.

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