

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The citizens of Eastland lost a greatly admired
2 Texan with the tragic death of firefighter Gregory Mack Simmons,
3 who died in the line of duty while fighting a wildfire on April 15,
4 2011, at the age of 50; and

5 WHEREAS, A Dallas native, Greg Simmons was born to Harvey
6 Mack Simmons and Thelma Inez Simmons on December 26, 1960; drawn to
7 public service, Mr. Simmons volunteered with the Sachse Fire
8 Department for 10 years before moving to Eastland, where he served
9 an additional 11 years with the Eastland Volunteer Fire Department;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, He married the former Carrie Songer on August 16,
12 1986, and during more than a quarter-century together, they shared
13 many happy times and became the parents of two beloved daughters,
14 Kateland and Karley; Mr. Simmons was a dedicated family man, and he
15 enthusiastically supported his children in all their endeavors,
16 from academics to athletics and band; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Simmons co-owned the business Allegro Mobility
18 with his wife and her parents; well respected as a businessman, he
19 was committed to providing the best possible service to his
20 customers, who were often elderly or disabled; moreover, he was an
21 active member of the community and a valued participant in numerous
22 social and civic events in Eastland; and

23 WHEREAS, Greg Simmons lived a dynamic and purposeful life,
24 and memories of this fine man will be forever treasured by all those

1 who were privileged to know him; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
3 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Gregory Mack Simmons
4 and extend deepest sympathy to the members of his family; and, be it
5 further

6 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
7 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
8 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Greg
9 Simmons.

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H.R. No. 1063

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1063 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on March 27, 2013.

Chief Clerk of the House