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H.R. No. 1063

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.