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H.R. No. 1198

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Palacios Volunteer Fire Department marked 100  
2 years of safeguarding the lives and property of area residents in  
3 December 2012; and

4           WHEREAS, In late 1912, the Palacios City Council approved the  
5 constitution and bylaws for a fire company and authorized the  
6 purchase of one 230-foot extension fire ladder, two 12-foot roof  
7 ladders, and two pick-back fire axes; when a call for help came in,  
8 firemen would be alerted by an employee of the Coast Telephone  
9 Company, who would ring a bell outside her second-story window; and

10           WHEREAS, Over the years, the Palacios VFD modernized to  
11 accommodate the changing needs of the day, and by 1927 it had a new  
12 fire truck and the old fire bell had been replaced by an electric  
13 siren; by 1941, the city ordered a fire truck that carried its own  
14 water; in 1962, it purchased a four-wheel drive truck to allow the  
15 firefighters to better combat rural and urban grass fires; and in  
16 1976, the department received a state-of-the-art ambulance; and

17           WHEREAS, Although technology and equipment have changed  
18 markedly in the past century, the department's volunteers remain  
19 its most vital resource, and many brave and dedicated individuals  
20 have served over the years, including Hugh Dismukes, who, in 1975,  
21 was recognized for 50 years of active service, more than any fireman  
22 in the Lone Star State at the time; today 20 volunteers continue to  
23 support their community, raising funds and volunteering their time  
24 and skills for important local causes; and

1           WHEREAS, Under the direction of fire chief Mike Hooper and  
2 assistant fire chief Rodney Girndt, the Palacios Volunteer Fire  
3 Department is beginning its second century of operations, and its  
4 members may indeed take justifiable pride in the vital work they  
5 perform and in their department's notable history; now, therefore,  
6 be it

7           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
8 Legislature hereby congratulate the Palacios Volunteer Fire  
9 Department on its 100th anniversary and pay tribute to all those who  
10 are or have been associated with this venerable organization; and,  
11 be it further

12           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
13 prepared for the department as an expression of high regard by the  
14 Texas House of Representatives.