

By: White

H.R. No. 2474

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Robert Simonson was selected to serve as the first  
2 paid chief of the Lumberton Fire Department, and he began his tenure  
3 in this position on May 13, 2013; and

4           WHEREAS, A Lumberton resident for the past 16 years, Chief  
5 Simonson brings with him some three decades of experience in the  
6 fire service; he most recently worked as the fire technology  
7 program coordinator at the Lamar Institute of Technology, where he  
8 previously served as an instructor in the fire academy; before  
9 that, he spent 24 years as a member of the Houston Fire Department;  
10 and

11           WHEREAS, Among Chief Simonson's responsibilities is  
12 overseeing two paid firefighters as well as 30 to 40 volunteers;  
13 moreover, he is reaching out to emergency management departments  
14 throughout the county in an effort to facilitate mutual aid  
15 agreements; and

16           WHEREAS, The citizens of Lumberton are fortunate to have an  
17 individual of Robert Simonson's skill and dedication leading their  
18 fire department, and it is a pleasure to honor him on attaining this  
19 milestone in his outstanding public safety career; now, therefore,  
20 be it

21           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
22 Legislature hereby congratulate Robert Simonson on his appointment  
23 as chief of the Lumberton Fire Department and extend to him sincere  
24 best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

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1           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
2 prepared for Chief Simonson as an expression of high regard by the  
3 Texas House of Representatives.