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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Every day, Texas firefighters courageously risk  
2 their lives in the performance of their duties, and on February 15,  
3 2013, Ricky Dale Mantey, Jr., of the Bryan Fire Department was  
4 gravely injured while fighting a fire; and

5 WHEREAS, Around 11 p.m. that night, a faulty electrical cord  
6 caused a fire at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Bryan, and  
7 firefighters soon arrived on the scene and entered the burning  
8 building; and

9 WHEREAS, During the course of the incident, two firefighters  
10 were trapped by the flames and killed; Mr. Mantey and another  
11 firefighter suffered extensive burns and were transported to a  
12 special unit at The University of Texas Medical Branch at  
13 Galveston; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Mantey is a native of Somerville, and that  
15 community has rallied to support him and his family during his  
16 recovery, raising money for a fund and putting up red ribbons around  
17 the town; and

18 WHEREAS, Texans are fortunate that there are brave  
19 individuals such as Ricky Mantey who are willing to face danger on a  
20 daily basis to protect the lives and property of others, and  
21 Mr. Mantey may face the challenges ahead secure in the knowledge  
22 that he has earned the admiration and gratitude of his fellow  
23 citizens; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas

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1 Legislature hereby commend Ricky Mantey, Jr., for his heroism and  
2 dedication to public safety and extend to him sincere best wishes  
3 for the future; and, be it further

4       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
5 prepared for Mr. Mantey as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
6 House of Representatives.