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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, For nearly 85 years, the Pasadena Fire Department
2 has protected the lives and property of the residents of Pasadena,
3 and its skilled and courageous members are truly deserving of
4 special recognition; and

5 WHEREAS, Founded in the summer of 1930, two years after the
6 incorporation of the city, the department was originally made up of
7 25 members under the leadership of Fire Chief Joe Fels; its first
8 piece of equipment, a 1929 American LaFrance pumper called "Old
9 Betsy," is still displayed by the department during parades and
10 special events; and

11 WHEREAS, Today, under the leadership of Fire Chief Lanny
12 Armstrong, the PVFD continues to be the largest
13 single-municipality, all-volunteer fire department in the United
14 States, with more than 200 active and 50 semi-active members
15 working out of nine stations with 40-plus vehicles; the department
16 serves 140,000 people living within 52 square miles and answers
17 approximately 170 alarms a month, responding not only to fires but
18 also to hazardous material accidents and rescue situations; and

19 WHEREAS, The PVFD is a party to mutual aid fire protection
20 agreements with nearby cities, and it also answers calls at
21 Ellington Field, the Johnson Space Center, and the University of
22 Houston-Clear Lake; in addition, it is a member of the Channel
23 Industries Mutual Aid partnership, which provides fire protection,
24 rescue, hazardous material handling, and emergency medical

1 capabilities to local refineries and petrochemical facilities; and

2 WHEREAS, The dedicated and highly trained volunteers of the
3 PVFD provide an essential service to their fellow citizens and help
4 to make Pasadena a safer and more secure place in which to live and
5 work; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
7 Legislature hereby honor the men and women of the Pasadena Fire
8 Department for their vital contributions to their community and
9 extend to them sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it
10 further

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