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## RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Since 1953, the 100 Club, headquartered in Houston, 2 has demonstrated unwavering support to Texas law enforcement 3 officers and firefighters and their families; and WHEREAS, This nonprofit organization was initially founded 4 5 to provide financial assistance to the dependents of Houston police officers who died in the line of duty, and it drew its name from the 6 7 initial group of 100 people who contributed \$100 each to fund the initiative; through the years, the club has expanded its scope to 8 offer benefits to the families of firefighters, institutional 9

10 personnel with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, and

11 commissioned personnel with the Texas Department of Public Safety,

12 the Parks and Wildlife Department, and the Texas Alcoholic Beverage

13 Commission; today, the 100 Club includes a membership of more than

14 30,000 and is active in 31 counties across East Texas; and

WHEREAS, The 100 Club also provides area law enforcement agencies with such life-protecting supplies as bulletproof vests and radio equipment, and it funds a program that has helped over 700 peace officers earn a degree from one of three state universities; since its inception, the group has contributed more than \$42 million in benefits, equipment, and education scholarships; and

21 WHEREAS, For more than six decades, the 100 Club has honored 22 the sacrifices of fallen heroes and offered vital assistance to 23 first responders, and its outstanding efforts are indeed deserving 24 of special recognition; now, therefore, be it

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- 1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
- 2 Legislature hereby commend the 100 Club for its work in behalf of
- 3 police officers and firefighters and their families and extend
- 4 sincere best wishes to the club's members for continued success
- 5 with their important work; and, be it further
- 6 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 7 prepared for the organization as an expression of high regard by the
- 8 Texas House of Representatives.