

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, First Responder Legislative Day is taking place at
2 the State Capitol on March 25, 2015, and this occasion provides an
3 opportunity to reflect on the courageous efforts of these admirable
4 public servants; and

5 WHEREAS, The second-oldest monument on the grounds of the
6 State Capitol is the Volunteer Firemen memorial, and it serves as a
7 moving tribute to the valorous service of all firefighters and
8 other emergency response personnel; erected by the State Firemen's
9 Association of Texas in 1896, the bronze statue portrays a fireman
10 carrying a frightened child in his left arm while holding a lantern
11 in his right hand; and

12 WHEREAS, The granite base of the monument is inscribed with
13 the names of Texas volunteer firefighters who lost their lives in
14 the line of duty, and on this day, 21 fallen heroes are being added
15 to the list: Chief Charles "Ted" Richardson of the Alvarado
16 Volunteer Fire Department, Gregory Mack Simmons of the Eastland
17 Fire Department, Elias Macias Jaquez of the Cactus Fire Department,
18 Larry Gale Nelson of the Val Verde County Rural Volunteer Fire
19 Department, Matt Waller of the Memphis Fire Department, Mark
20 Shepherd of the Rosehill Volunteer Fire Department, William Richard
21 "Dick" Danes of the Brazos County Precinct 3 Fire Department,
22 Captain Neal Wade Smith of the Atascocita Volunteer Fire
23 Department, Jalen Smith of the Jackson Heights Volunteer Fire
24 Department, Assistant Chief David Fox of the Bluebonnet Volunteer

1 Fire Department, Donald Mize of the League City Volunteer Fire
2 Department, Jerry Chapman and Captain Cyrus Reed of the Abbott
3 Volunteer Fire Department, Kevin Sanders of the Bruceville-Eddy
4 Volunteer Fire Department, Perry Calvin of the Martens Volunteer
5 Fire Department, Morris Bridges, Cody Dragoo, Joseph Pustejovsky,
6 Captain Douglas Snokhous, and Captain Robert Snokhous of the West
7 Volunteer Fire Department, and Chief Hugh Ferguson of the Damon
8 Volunteer Fire Department; and

9 WHEREAS, Every hour of every day, the first responders of
10 Texas stand ready to come to the aid of their fellow citizens, and
11 these dedicated men and women are truly deserving of our heartfelt
12 praise and gratitude; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
14 Legislature hereby commemorate First Responder Legislative Day at
15 the State Capitol and pay tribute to the service of the first
16 responders of Texas, both past and present.

Springer
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Straus	González	Paddie
Allen	Guerra	Parker
Alonzo	Guillen	Paul
Alvarado	Gutierrez	Peña
Anchia	Harless	Phelan
Anderson of Dallas	Hernandez	Phillips
Anderson of McLennan	Herrero	Pickett
Ashby	Howard	Price
Aycock	Huberty	Raney
Bell	Hughes	Raymond
Bernal	Hunter	Reynolds
Blanco	Isaac	Riddle
Bohac	Israel	Rinaldi
Bonnen of Brazoria	Johnson	Rodriguez of Bexar
Bonnen of Galveston	Kacal	Rodriguez of Travis
Burkett	Keffer	Romero, Jr.
Burns	Keough	Rose
Burrows	King of Hemphill	Sanford
Button	King of Parker	Schaefer
Canales	King of Taylor	Schofield
Capriglione	King of Uvalde	Schubert
Clardy	Klick	Shaheen
Coleman	Koop	Sheets
Collier	Krause	Sheffield
Cook	Kuempel	Simmons
Craddick	Landgraf	Simpson
Crownover	Larson	Smith
Cyrier	Laubenberg	Smithee
Dale	Leach	Spitzer
Darby	Longoria	Springer
Davis of Dallas	Lozano	Stephenson
Davis of Harris	Lucio III	Stickland
Deshotel	Márquez	Thompson of Brazoria
Dukes	Martinez	Thompson of Harris
Dutton	Martinez Fischer	Tinderholt
Elkins	McClendon	Turner of Collin
Faircloth	Metcalf	Turner of Harris
Fallon	Meyer	Turner of Tarrant
Farias	Miles	VanDeaver
Farney	Miller of Comal	Villalba
Farrar	Miller of Fort Bend	Vo
Fletcher	Moody	Walle
Flynn	Morrison	White of Bell
Frank	Muñoz, Jr.	White of Tyler
Frullo	Murphy	Workman
Galindo	Murr	Wray
Geren	Naishtat	Wu
Giddings	Nevárez	Zedler
Goldman	Oliveira	Zerwas
Gonzales	Otto	

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1555 was adopted by the House on March 25, 2015, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House