## RESOLUTION

- 1 WHEREAS, An exemplary life dedicated to the safety of his
- 2 community drew to a close with the death of former Bastrop fire
- 3 chief Michael C. Fisher on July 4, 2017, at the age of 74; and
- WHEREAS, Mike Fisher was born on October 6, 1942, to Merle and
- 5 Mary Fisher, and he attended Cameron Junior College and Oklahoma
- 6 State University; he was a loving husband to Bonnie Sue Fisher for
- 7 43 years and the proud father of three children, Mary Sue, Wesley,
- 8 and Robert; he also took great joy in welcoming into his family
- 9 seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Over the course of a distinguished career as a first
- 11 responder and emergency manager, Mr. Fisher served with the Bastrop
- 12 Fire Department from 1973 to 2013, and he led the agency as chief
- 13 from 1985 to 1995; he also held the office of director of water and
- 14 wastewater for Bastrop, and for 20 years, he was the city's
- 15 emergency management coordinator; and
- 16 WHEREAS, Following his retirement from that post in 2005,
- 17 Mr. Fisher served as deputy director of emergency management for
- 18 Bastrop County; as an incident commander during the catastrophic
- 19 wildfire in 2011, his skilled and rapid response helped save many
- 20 lives, and he also provided invaluable support to other regional
- 21 disaster response efforts, including the Burnet County floods in
- 22 2007 and the fertilizer plant explosion in West in 2013; and
- WHEREAS, Mr. Fisher was a member of the Capital Area Type 3
- 24 Incident Management Team and the Capital Area Council of

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- 1 Governments' Homeland Security Task Force, and he played an
- 2 instrumental role in the creation of the Texas Emergency Management
- 3 Assistance Team, a statewide network of multidisciplinary experts
- 4 who provide quick response to disasters; his numerous honors
- 5 include two Awards of Distinction from the Bastrop Chamber of
- 6 Commerce and a Phoenix Award for Outstanding Contributions to
- 7 Disaster Recovery by a Public Official from the U.S. Small Business
- 8 Administration; and
- 9 WHEREAS, For four and a half decades, Mike Fisher devoted
- 10 himself to protecting the lives and property of the people of
- 11 Bastrop and Bastrop County, and he leaves behind a record of service
- 12 that his loved ones can remember with pride; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
- 14 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory
- 15 of Michael C. Fisher and extend heartfelt sympathy to all who mourn
- 16 his passing; and, be it further
- 17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 18 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
- 19 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Mike
- 20 Fisher.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 25 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on August 9, 2017.

Chief Clerk of the House