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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Those Texans who demonstrate great courage in times
2 of crisis are truly deserving of our admiration and gratitude, and
3 through his selfless actions during the Texas Panhandle wildfire
4 outbreak of 2017, Frank Moya of Shamrock has distinguished himself
5 as one such hero; and

6 WHEREAS, A county employee who operates a road grader in
7 Precinct 4, Frank Moya is the father of James Moya, a member of the
8 Shamrock Volunteer Fire Department; on March 23, 2017, the elder
9 Mr. Moya and his fellow county workers received a call from the fire
10 department for assistance in creating barriers to contain a
11 wildfire that had broken out west of Shamrock; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Moya's son, James, was operating his own road
13 grader at the scene of the fire; while the younger Mr. Moya was
14 working to create a firebreak, the wind shifted and his grader
15 stalled, stranding him in the path of the flames; and

16 WHEREAS, Hearing his son's pleas for help on the radio, Frank
17 Moya was consumed with a single imperative, that of getting him out
18 alive; while other firefighters searched frantically for the young
19 man, Mr. Moya was able to find his son and move him to safety; James
20 Moya had sustained severe burns and subsequently spent 60 days in
21 the Lubbock Burn Unit, during which time his father never left his
22 side; and

23 WHEREAS, In a situation fraught with peril, this devoted
24 father proved himself a man of outstanding bravery and tenacity,

1 and his actions in saving the life of his son have earned him the
2 heartfelt gratitude of his entire community; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
4 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby commend Frank Moya for
5 rescuing James Moya from a wildfire and extend to him sincere best
6 wishes for the future; and, be it further

7 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
8 prepared for the Moya family as an expression of high regard by the
9 Texas House of Representatives.