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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Edom Volunteer Fire Department is celebrating
the 50th anniversary of its founding on August 19, 2017; and

3 WHEREAS, Recognizing the need for an organized fire response 4 system in their community, a group of concerned citizens in Edom 5 began meeting in 1967; the newly formed committee received a small 6 government grant to purchase a fire truck and appointed Noah Price 7 as the first fire chief; the following year, a lease was secured to 8 build a fire station downtown, and in the 1980s, that facility was 9 expanded to accommodate the growing needs of the department; and

WHEREAS, In 2003, Edom VFD consolidated with the nearby 10 11 Callender Lake Volunteer Fire Department to form a second station 12 in Edom; with an increasing coverage area, a new station No. 1, featuring eight truck bays, was built in 2009, and later that year, 13 14 the department formed a partnership with Champion EMS to provide local residents with additional emergency services; in 2011, an 15 updated station No. 2, with four truck bays, was added; today, the 16 Edom VFD consists of 30 volunteer members, and the department 17 operates 11 trucks; and 18

WHEREAS, For half a century, the dedicated and courageous firefighters of the Edom Volunteer Fire Department have devoted themselves to protecting the lives and property of their fellow citizens, and this notable milestone presents a fitting opportunity to recognize their vital contributions to the community; now, therefore, be it

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1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas 2 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby commemorate the 50th 3 anniversary of the Edom Volunteer Fire Department and extend to its 4 members sincere best wishes for continued success with their 5 important work; and, be it further

6 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be 7 prepared for the Edom Volunteer Fire Department as an expression of 8 high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 222 was adopted by the House on August 15, 2017, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House