

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Under the leadership of Fire Chief John Phillips,
2 members of the Morgan's Point Resort Volunteer Fire Department
3 acted swiftly and decisively to contain a fast-moving brush fire
4 near Lake Belton on July 27, 2017; and

5 WHEREAS, Stoked by dry conditions in the area, the blaze
6 started in the early evening and went on to consume around five
7 acres in Morgan's Point Resort, where it threatened nearby homes
8 and forced the evacuation of local residents; and

9 WHEREAS, In its efforts to control the fire, the Morgan's
10 Point Resort Volunteer Fire Department was assisted by agencies
11 from throughout Bell County, including the Temple Police
12 Department, Temple Fire & Rescue, the Bell County Sheriff's
13 Department, and the Texas Department of Public Safety; firefighters
14 worked with police to shut down roads and warn residents, and
15 members of the Texas A&M Forest Service helped them in creating fire
16 breaks to halt the spread of the flames; thanks in large part to the
17 expert coordination of these first responders, the crisis was
18 successfully resolved in a matter of hours with no injuries or
19 property damage reported; and

20 WHEREAS, The heroic response of Chief John Phillips and his
21 crew saved lives and spared dozens of homes in the area from
22 destruction, and their tireless dedication to public safety has set
23 a high standard of excellence to which others in their profession
24 may aspire; now, therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
2 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby commend Fire Chief John
3 Phillips and the personnel of the Morgan's Point Resort Volunteer
4 Fire Department for their role in controlling a brush fire on July
5 27, 2017, and extend to them sincere best wishes for the future;
6 and, be it further

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

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H.R. No. 292

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 292 was adopted by the House on August 15, 2017, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House