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H.R. No. 292

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.