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H.C.R. No. 109

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Tow trucks and their drivers have become an
2 indispensable part of our automotive culture, providing welcome
3 assistance to stranded motorists and helping to clear traffic
4 crashes throughout the nation; and

5 WHEREAS, More than 35,000 towing companies operate in the
6 United States, and these businesses employ hundreds of thousands of
7 people, including dispatchers and safety advisors in addition to
8 tow truck operators; these dedicated individuals respond to nearly
9 15 million traffic accidents each year, coming to the aid of
10 motorists and first responders in all types of weather, at all hours
11 of the day and night; and

12 WHEREAS, Part of our nation's transportation system for the
13 past century, the towing industry traces its roots to 1916, when
14 Ernest Holmes of Chattanooga, Tennessee, was inspired to design the
15 first tow vehicle after assisting in the recovery of a crashed Model
16 T; Mr. Holmes and the company he founded went on to pioneer numerous
17 innovations in towing and produced such classic wreckers as the
18 W-45 model used by the U.S. military in World War II; and

19 WHEREAS, Since the earliest days of the industry, tow truck
20 drivers have faced considerable dangers while performing their
21 jobs; working in the midst of busy traffic and often in poor weather
22 conditions, operators regularly put their lives on the line, and an
23 average of one tow truck worker is killed every six days in the
24 United States; and

1 WHEREAS, To lessen the hazards faced by these skilled
2 professionals, it is important for motorists to observe proper
3 safety precautions when they encounter tow trucks on the roadways,
4 including reducing their speed and moving over to provide
5 additional clearance between the line of traffic and the tow truck
6 and stranded vehicle; and

7 WHEREAS, The towing industry provides essential services to
8 the public, keeping our roadways clear and open for travel, and its
9 workers are truly deserving of special recognition; now, therefore,
10 be it

11 RESOLVED, That the 85th Legislature of the State of Texas
12 hereby designate the third week of September as Towing Industry
13 Awareness Week; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That, in accordance with the provisions of Section
15 [391.004\(d\)](#), Government Code, this designation remain in effect
16 until the 10th anniversary of the date this resolution is finally
17 passed by the legislature.