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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Members of the Texas Chapter of the National
2 Emergency Number Association are gathering on February 6, 2017, to
3 celebrate 9-1-1 Day at the State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, In 1967, the Federal Communications Commission and
5 the U.S. Congress, in association with the American Telephone and
6 Telegraph Company, established 9-1-1 as a universal, all-purpose
7 emergency telephone number, and in February 1968, the first 9-1-1
8 call was made in Haleyville, Alabama; and

9 WHEREAS, Public safety telecommunicators are the vital link
10 between citizens calling for help and the agencies that assist
11 them, and over the last half century, 9-1-1 has become the
12 nationally recognized number to call for immediate help from the
13 police, the fire department, or emergency medical services; and

14 WHEREAS, Personnel at hundreds of public safety answering
15 points serve the citizens of the Lone Star State by promptly
16 responding to emergency calls and by dispatching appropriate
17 assistance as quickly as possible, and these dedicated
18 telecommunicators, emergency directors, planning professionals,
19 and industry service providers are ably represented by the Texas
20 Chapter of the National Emergency Number Association; and

21 WHEREAS, This outstanding association is dedicated to
22 providing excellent service, upholding high standards of training,
23 and promoting awareness of 9-1-1; it also works to encourage the
24 integration of the new and emerging technologies that are necessary

1 to make 9-1-1 an even faster, more accurate, and more reliable
2 service; and

3 WHEREAS, When seconds count, Texans turn to 9-1-1, and it is
4 indeed fitting to take this opportunity to recognize the history
5 and lifesaving legacy of the 9-1-1 emergency system across the
6 state and nation; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
8 Legislature hereby recognize February 6, 2017, as 9-1-1 Day at the
9 State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation from the Texas
10 Chapter of the National Emergency Number Association sincere best
11 wishes for a meaningful and memorable visit to Austin.