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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Brenham Fire Department is celebrating the 150th
2 anniversary of its founding on May 27, 2017; and

3 WHEREAS, In response to two devastating fires in 1866, the
4 Brenham townspeople formed the Brenham Hook and Ladder Company
5 No. 1 in 1867, which took on the responsibility not only of fighting
6 fires but also of suppressing lawlessness in the turbulent
7 Reconstruction era; in the organization's infancy, its members kept
8 buckets and ladders at their homes and would carry them to the scene
9 of a blaze, and in 1874, a hook and ladder truck was purchased to aid
10 in their endeavors; and

11 WHEREAS, In the decade that followed, several other fire
12 response groups arose within the community; the Mechanics Engine
13 Company No. 1 was formed in 1878, the Brenham Hook and Ladder
14 Company No. 2 in 1882, and the Conner Hose Company in 1885; in 1911,
15 the organizations merged under the name Brenham Fire Company No. 1,
16 and that same year, the City of Brenham ordered its first motorized
17 fire truck; over time, the department continued to modernize to
18 meet the evolving needs of the day, and three of the historic
19 vehicles used by the city's firefighters are now on display at the
20 Brenham Fire Museum; and

21 WHEREAS, In 1978, the city purchased land on the east side of
22 Brenham and erected a fire station that still serves the citizens of
23 Brenham and Washington County, and the organization established a
24 training center in 1982; today, the Brenham Fire Department is made

1 up of a combination of paid and volunteer firefighters under the
2 direction of Fire Chief Ricky Boeker; and

3 WHEREAS, For a century and a half, the dedicated and
4 courageous firefighters of the Brenham Fire Department have devoted
5 themselves to protecting the lives and property of their fellow
6 citizens, and this notable milestone represents a fitting
7 opportunity to recognize their vital contributions to the
8 community; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
10 Legislature hereby commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Brenham
11 Fire Department and pay tribute to the past and present members of
12 this venerable organization; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for the Brenham Fire Department as an expression of high
15 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.