

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 401

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Texas Task Force 1, the state's premier search and rescue team, on the 20th anniversary of the organization's establishment; and

WHEREAS, As designated by the Texas Legislature, Texas Task Force 1 is a part of the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service and was established to provide training for individuals and to provide assistance in search, rescue, and recovery efforts following natural or human-caused disasters; and

WHEREAS, The task force operates under the direction of the Texas Division of Emergency Management; since its creation, the task force has been deployed by three different Texas governors to assist with 87 disasters in the state; and

WHEREAS, In 2001, the Federal Emergency Management Agency designated Texas Task Force 1 as one of 28 national search and rescue teams; Texas Task Force 1 played an integral role in the search and rescue mission at the World Trade Center during the nationwide response to the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, and it has been deployed to more than 40 other national disasters outside of Texas; in 2015, FEMA recognized the task force as a model organization that leads the nation in effective emergency response performance; and

WHEREAS, In the two decades since its creation, Texas Task Force 1 has removed, rescued, or recovered countless Texans during severe weather events, such as the 2015 Blanco River flood near Wimberley and the 2016 winter tornadoes that struck the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex the day after Christmas; all those who have contributed to the success of Texas Task Force 1 can indeed take pride in the team's outstanding search and rescue performance; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 85th Legislature, hereby commend all associated with Texas Task Force 1 for their invaluable contributions to the citizens of this state and to the nation and congratulate them on 20 years of success; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in honor of this special anniversary.

Schwertner

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the
above Resolution was adopted by
the Senate on March 9, 2017.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate