

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 464**

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Charles Ray Sims, a retired fire chief of the Cedar Hill Fire Department, who has been named a 2017 Lifetime Achievement Honoree; and

**WHEREAS**, Charles Sims joined the Cedar Hill Volunteer Fire Department in 1949, and he quickly gained the respect of his colleagues and the community; during his long career with the department, he served as the volunteer fire chief for 26 years; and

**WHEREAS**, In 1984, Chief Sims became the first paid fire chief of the Cedar Hill Fire Department; as a leader, he was noted for his skill and courage and for promoting the highest ideals of civic service and public safety; and

**WHEREAS**, Chief Sims retired in February of 1995, after 46 years with the department; in 2000, he was recognized for his exemplary contributions to the community when the Cedar Hill Fire Department named the central fire station the Charles R. Sims Station in his honor; and

**WHEREAS**, A truly distinguished public servant, Chief Sims established standards of excellence at the Cedar Hill Fire Department for his successors to follow, and his legacy at the department will not be forgotten; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 85th Legislature, hereby commend former Cedar Hill Fire Department Fire Chief Charles Ray Sims for helping to shape the success of the Cedar Hill Fire Department and congratulate him on being named a 2017 Lifetime Achievement Honoree; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 20, 2017.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate