

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 473

**WHEREAS**, Members of several area fire departments responded swiftly and courageously to a structure fire that broke out in the city of Balch Springs on February 24, 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, During the early evening, the Balch Springs Fire Department was called to put out a fire that had enveloped a pallet factory and spread to two other businesses; Balch Springs firefighters then requested the aid of the Dallas, Dallas County, Mesquite, Combine, Seagoville, and Sunnyvale Fire Departments, which converged on the scene to help battle the massive blaze; and

**WHEREAS**, Thanks to the tremendous support provided by these crews, the fire was successfully extinguished in a few hours with no loss of life and only minor injuries to two firefighters; the Balch Springs Fire Department also received help from the Texas State Fire Marshal's Office in investigating the cause of the fire; and

**WHEREAS**, In answering an urgent call for assistance, these exemplary first responders demonstrated their unwavering commitment to protecting the lives and property of their fellow Texans, and they may indeed take pride in a job well done; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 85th Legislature, hereby commend the personnel of the Balch Springs, Dallas, Dallas County, Mesquite, Combine, Seagoville, and Sunnyvale Fire Departments and the Texas State Fire Marshal's Office for their roles in controlling a structure fire in Balch Springs on February 24, 2017, and investigating its cause and extend to them sincere best wishes for the future.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 22, 2017.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate