

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Our communities draw immeasurable strength from  
2 individuals such as Evelyn Standley, whose tireless work in behalf  
3 of the Smith Point Volunteer Fire Department has made a lasting  
4 difference in the lives of countless area residents; and

5           WHEREAS, Before Smith Point had a fire department,  
6 Mrs. Standley was one of several local women who would help fight  
7 grass fires using buckets of water and tow sacks; having proven  
8 their mettle, these women were voted into the newly formed  
9 volunteer fire department in March 1976, and they began serving as  
10 first responders, evaluating emergency situations and fighting  
11 house and tank fires; and

12           WHEREAS, Mrs. Standley further contributed to the department  
13 by holding the office of secretary from 1977 to 2015 and treasurer  
14 from 1985 to 2016; moreover, she carefully chronicled Smith Point  
15 VFD's history for many years and has assisted with the annual fish  
16 and oyster fry fund-raiser; in 2017, her colleagues recognized her  
17 exceptional efforts by dedicating the Evelyn Standley Pavilion at  
18 the firehouse; and

19           WHEREAS, A resident of Smith Point since 1927, Mrs. Standley  
20 drove a bus and worked in a school lunchroom for several decades  
21 before retiring from the Anahuac Independent School District in  
22 1988; and

23           WHEREAS, For the past 43 years, Evelyn Standley has helped  
24 Smith Point VFD protect the lives and property of local citizens,

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1 and she may indeed reflect with pride on the many valuable  
2 contributions she has made to her community; now, therefore, be it

3       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
4 Legislature hereby commend Evelyn Standley for her many years of  
5 service to the Smith Point Volunteer Fire Department and extend to  
6 her sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

7       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
8 prepared for Mrs. Standley as an expression of high regard by the  
9 Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 596 was adopted by the House on March 21, 2019, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House