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H.R. No. 596

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,

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.