

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Hopkins County Fire Department celebrated the
2 20th anniversary of its founding on January 4, 2019; and

3 WHEREAS, Before the establishment of the county fire
4 department, fire protection in rural areas was handled by various
5 local volunteer fire departments, which contracted with the Hopkins
6 County Commissioners Court; however, in the late 1990s, the
7 commissioners court decided to fund a paid department headquartered
8 in the middle of the county to ensure an optimal response time to
9 emergency situations; and

10 WHEREAS, The Hopkins County Fire Department first began
11 service in 1999, initially operating without a station building; in
12 2006, the county received an intermodal grant and constructed the
13 Station 20 headquarters in Sulphur Springs; and

14 WHEREAS, From the beginning, this new centralized approach to
15 fire response was designed to supplement, not replace, the local
16 volunteer fire departments, and it continues to work in cooperation
17 with 12 volunteer agencies in the county for the common good of area
18 residents; and

19 WHEREAS, Over the years, the Hopkins County Fire Department
20 has grown into a full service unit that staffs two engines Monday
21 through Friday during the day and one engine at night and on the
22 weekends; Station 20 employs a total of 25 first responders to
23 ensure full coverage 24 hours per day; and

24 WHEREAS, For two decades, the dedicated and courageous

1 firefighters of the Hopkins County Fire Department have devoted
2 themselves to protecting the lives and property of their fellow
3 citizens, and this notable milestone presents a fitting opportunity
4 to recognize their vital contributions; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
6 Legislature hereby congratulate the Hopkins County Fire Department
7 on the occasion of its 20th anniversary and extend to its members
8 sincere best wishes for continued success with their important
9 work; and, be it further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
11 prepared for the department as an expression of high regard by the
12 Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 645

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 645 was adopted by the House on March 6, 2019, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House