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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Crosbyton Volunteer Fire Department celebrated  
2 the 100th anniversary of its founding in 2017; and

3           WHEREAS, The members of the Crosbyton VFD proved their mettle  
4 during the department's first year when they rallied to fight a  
5 serious fire in the nearby town of Ralls in August 1918; and

6           WHEREAS, In 1926, the department purchased its first fire  
7 truck from Seagrave Fire Apparatus in Columbus, Ohio; a  
8 representative from Crosbyton traveled to Fort Worth to pick up the  
9 new vehicle, which had arrived by rail, and drove it the remaining  
10 distance on unpaved roads to its new home; now retired, the truck  
11 remains in the possession of the department as a treasured piece of  
12 its history; and

13           WHEREAS, Through the years, multiple generations of families  
14 have served the Crosbyton VFD, and it has earned a reputation as one  
15 of the best departments in the plains region; in 2011, it played a  
16 vital role in fighting area grass fires, saving not only Crosbyton  
17 but helping to put out fires in Garza, Dickens, Motley, and Floyd  
18 Counties; and

19           WHEREAS, Today, under the leadership of Chief Jim Justus, the  
20 members of the Crosbyton VFD meet every Monday for training and  
21 fellowship, and they continue to honor their legacy by raising  
22 money for the restoration of the Seagrave truck; and

23           WHEREAS, Over the course of a century, the firefighters of  
24 the Crosbyton VFD have responded to emergencies both large and

1 small, protecting the lives and property of their fellow citizens  
2 and exemplifying the highest ideals of their profession; now,  
3 therefore, be it

4         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
5 Legislature hereby commemorate the 100th anniversary of the  
6 Crosbyton Volunteer Fire Department and extend to its members  
7 sincere best wishes for continued success with their important  
8 work; and, be it further

9         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
10 prepared for the Crosbyton Volunteer Fire Department as an  
11 expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.