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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Steve Marshall, an employee of Xcel Energy, was part
2 of a volunteer team of Xcel utility workers who traveled to Puerto
3 Rico to help restore power in the wake of Hurricane Maria; and

4 WHEREAS, The Category 4 hurricane, which arrived on September
5 20, 2017, bringing devastating winds and flooding, was the
6 strongest storm to make landfall in Puerto Rico in 85 years; Maria
7 wiped out the island's power grid, leaving some 3.4 million people
8 without electricity and placing an enormous strain on the island's
9 recovery and on victims' efforts to rebuild their lives in its
10 aftermath; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Marshall and his colleagues volunteered to be
12 part of a national emergency response that came to include more than
13 20 electrical companies and 1,500 utility workers, who were given
14 the arduous task of reconnecting power service in the many
15 communities that remained in the dark months after the storm;
16 deployed primarily to Caguas, a mountainous and remote region in
17 the southeast area of the island, the employees from Xcel worked for
18 long hours in challenging conditions, and their hard work and
19 determination resulted in thousands of residents regaining access
20 to power; and

21 WHEREAS, Steve Marshall demonstrated skill, dedication, and
22 compassion by stepping forward to offer much-needed help in the
23 midst of a crisis, and he may indeed take pride in having provided
24 vital assistance to his fellow citizens; now, therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
2 Legislature hereby commend Steve Marshall for his efforts to
3 restore power in Puerto Rico and extend to him sincere best wishes
4 for the future; and, be it further

5 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
6 prepared for Mr. Marshall as an expression of high regard by the
7 Texas House of Representatives.