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RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Battalion Chief Juan Perez has been named 2 Firefighter of the Year for 2018 by the Corpus Christi Fire 3 Department in recognition of his outstanding service; and

WHEREAS, A member of the department since 2002, "Tony" Perez is assigned to Fire Station No. 5, where he has earned the respect and admiration of his colleagues by taking on such additional responsibilities as hazardous materials and rescue training as well as career development; he is the first battalion chief to be named Firefighter of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Chief Perez also received the Medal of Valor award, the department's second-highest honor, for the critical role he played in rescuing an elderly woman from a burning house; in February 2018, Chief Perez and another firefighter were among the first on the scene, and, without wearing protective gear, they braved the smoke-filled home and quickly found the woman and brought her out to safety; and

17 WHEREAS, Tony Perez has demonstrated uncommon dedication, 18 leadership, and courage as he has worked to protect the lives and 19 property of his fellow citizens, and he is truly deserving of 20 special recognition; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas Legislature hereby congratulate Battalion Chief Juan "Tony" Perez on being named 2018 Firefighter of the Year by the Corpus Christi Fire Department and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued

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1 success in his important work; and, be it further

2 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be 3 prepared for Chief Perez as an expression of high regard by the 4 Texas House of Representatives.