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H.R. No. 1748

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Zapata County fire chief Juan Jose Meza is being  
2 recognized at the 2019 Texas Emergency Management Conference in San  
3 Antonio; and

4 WHEREAS, A native of Corpus Christi, Juan Meza began his  
5 career in public service in 1973, when he joined the Zapata County  
6 Volunteer Fire Department; he graduated from Zapata High School  
7 later that year and soon thereafter took on the role of assistant  
8 civil defense coordinator for Zapata County; in 1975, he was  
9 appointed county fire marshal, and during his tenure, he initiated  
10 the county's first fire prevention program; he subsequently served  
11 as the Zapata County emergency management coordinator; and

12 WHEREAS, In 2002, Chief Meza became the county's fire chief  
13 and helped to form the Zapata County Fire Department; under his able  
14 leadership, the department has grown to include paramedics, a  
15 mobile intensive care unit, and rescue dive and hazmat teams; and

16 WHEREAS, Over the years, Chief Meza has continued his  
17 professional development, earning credentials as an emergency  
18 medical technician, code enforcement officer, advanced firefighter  
19 and arson investigator, and master peace officer, and he completed  
20 the Professional Development Series in Emergency Management  
21 through the National Fire Academy; he has also given back to the  
22 community through his involvement with such important civic  
23 organizations as the South Texas Fire Investigators  
24 Association-RGV, the Emergency Management Association of Texas,

1 and the Texas Fire Marshal's Association, which recently recognized  
2 him with the Roscoe Gibson Award; and

3 WHEREAS, Juan Meza has demonstrated an exceptional  
4 commitment to protecting the lives and property of area residents,  
5 and he may take well-deserved pride in his decades of service to  
6 Zapata County; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
8 Legislature hereby commend Juan Jose Meza for his invaluable  
9 contributions to his fellow citizens and extend to him sincere best  
10 wishes for the future; and, be it further

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