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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, In February 2021, as their community experienced the  
2 devastating impact of Winter Storm Uri, members of Dallas  
3 Fire-Rescue courageously answered the call to serve their fellow  
4 Texans in need; and

5           WHEREAS, The storm brought snow, ice, and plunging  
6 temperatures to the area, straining the electrical grid that covers  
7 North Texas and resulting in mass power outages; families without  
8 electricity struggled through several days of subfreezing weather,  
9 while icy conditions made traveling by road difficult and  
10 dangerous; further compounding the misery, many households and  
11 businesses were forced to contend with flooding caused by frozen  
12 and ruptured pipes; and

13           WHEREAS, Under the leadership of Fire Chief Dominique Artis,  
14 Dallas Fire-Rescue consists of 2,000 members; during the week of  
15 the winter storm, the department responded to a significantly  
16 higher-than-average number of emergency calls that required  
17 braving ice, sleet, and snow to swiftly reach citizens needing  
18 assistance; working long hours with little rest, Dallas  
19 firefighters helped numerous residents deal with freezing  
20 temperatures, burst pipes, and flooding, even as many in the  
21 department faced these same issues in their own homes; and

22           WHEREAS, Members of Dallas Fire-Rescue went to extraordinary  
23 lengths to protect lives and property during an unprecedented  
24 weather event, and they are deserving of the profound gratitude and

1 admiration of their fellow citizens for their outstanding public  
2 service during this challenging time and throughout the year; now,  
3 therefore, be it

4         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas  
5 Legislature hereby honor Dallas Fire-Rescue for the assistance it  
6 provided to the community during Winter Storm Uri and extend to all  
7 those affiliated with the department sincere best wishes for their  
8 continued health and safety; and, be it further

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