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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, An elite urban search-and-rescue team from the Czech
2 Republic provided valuable assistance in the response to the deadly
3 Hill Country flood of July 4, 2025; and

4 WHEREAS, In the aftermath of the catastrophic flooding, which
5 claimed the lives of well over 100 people, the 16-member team of
6 Czech firefighters arrived with four search and recovery dogs to
7 support the efforts of the Texas National Guard; with about 100
8 victims still missing, the Czech rescue team conducted meticulously
9 coordinated secondary search and recovery operations, beginning
10 near Center Point in Kerr County; the team members fulfilled their
11 mission under challenging conditions along steep, hazardous
12 riverbanks; and

13 WHEREAS, Governor Greg Abbott and General Steven Nordhaus,
14 chief of the U.S. National Guard Bureau, personally expressed their
15 profound gratitude for the service of the Czech team; it operated
16 under the National Guard Bureau State Partnership Program,
17 established in 1991 to foster military and civilian cooperation
18 between U.S. states and allied nations; the partnership between the
19 Texas National Guard and the Czech Republic is one of the earliest
20 in the program, spanning over three decades; recent mutual support
21 endeavors include the Texas National Guard's aid to the Czech
22 Republic in the wake of a severe flooding crisis in Ostrava in 2024;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, Through their selfless dedication, outstanding

1 professionalism, and spirit of international solidarity, the
2 members of the Czech search-and-rescue team rendered exceptional
3 service to the Lone Star State, and their contributions have earned
4 the lasting admiration and appreciation of all Texans; now,
5 therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
7 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby honor the Czech urban
8 search-and-rescue team for its assistance in the response to the
9 July 4, 2025, Hill Country flood and extend to its members sincere
10 best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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