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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Members of the Irving Fire Department are joining
2 with city residents on September 20, 2025, to celebrate the 100th
3 anniversary of the agency's founding; and

4 WHEREAS, Established in 1925 with just 20 volunteers, the
5 Irving Fire Department originally served an area spanning one
6 square mile, and its members put out fires with a four-wheel pull
7 cart carrying a 20-gallon water barrel, a hand pump, buckets,
8 brooms, and a small ladder; today, the department includes more
9 than 400 personnel who are committed to protecting a population of
10 over 250,000 people across 68 square miles; the agency's first
11 responders operate out of 13 stations, utilizing a fleet of 13
12 engines, 5 trucks, and 11 ambulances; and

13 WHEREAS, Over the decades, the Irving Fire Department has
14 expanded its services to include EMS capabilities as well as teams
15 specializing in swift-water rescue, hazardous materials, and
16 technical rescue; in addition, the department established the
17 Public Education Station in 2004, and it trains new recruits at the
18 Joint Training Facility, a collaborative effort between the Cities
19 of Irving and Grand Prairie; the department has implemented a
20 comprehensive mental health and wellness program for its personnel,
21 and it also works to connect the general public to mental health
22 resources; and

23 WHEREAS, The Irving Fire Department has further served the
24 community through initiatives such as the Blue Christmas program,

1 the Citizens Fire Academy, CPR demonstrations, cancer awareness
2 campaigns, and the Supplies for Success Drive, which benefits area
3 students; among its many achievements, the department received an
4 Insurance Services Office Class 1 rating, which indicates it is
5 among the top one percent of fire departments in the nation for
6 capabilities and standards; and

7 WHEREAS, Throughout the past century, the courageous members
8 of the Irving Fire Department have dedicated themselves to
9 protecting the lives and property of their fellow citizens, and
10 this milestone anniversary offers a fitting opportunity for area
11 residents to express their appreciation to the department for its
12 outstanding service; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 89th Texas Legislature, 2nd
14 Called Session, hereby commemorate the 100th anniversary of the
15 Irving Fire Department and extend to its leadership and staff
16 sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for the department as an expression of high regard by the
19 Texas Senate.