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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Westlake Fire Department is celebrating the 50th
2 anniversary of its founding in 2025; and

3 WHEREAS, In 1975, a group of residents of Westlake and its
4 surrounding communities came together to establish the Westlake
5 Volunteer Fire Department; in its early days, the department had
6 fewer than 20 members and a very modest inventory of equipment, but
7 various fundraisers and donations eventually allowed it to build a
8 station and acquire additional fire protection resources; and

9 WHEREAS, Today, the Westlake Fire Department is largely
10 funded by Harris County Emergency Services District No. 47, and it
11 serves approximately 100,000 people in a 10-square-mile area in
12 western Harris County; it is staffed by more than 150 volunteers and
13 employees, including crew members who are on duty and available to
14 assist in emergencies at all hours of the day and night; and

15 WHEREAS, Every year, personnel answer thousands of calls for
16 assistance with an average response time of five minutes, and it
17 utilizes a fleet that encompasses two Class A engines, three
18 command vehicles, three ambulances, a 100-foot aerial, a rescue
19 boat, and a medic vehicle with assigned paramedics; through
20 investments in its fire suppression capabilities, the department
21 was able to improve its Insurance Services Office Public Protection
22 Classification rating to 2, placing it among the top two percent of
23 fire departments in the nation; and

24 WHEREAS, For half a century, the dedicated members of the

1 Westlake Fire Department have rendered exceptional service to their
2 fellow Texans, and they may indeed reflect with pride on their
3 contributions as they celebrate this notable milestone in the
4 organization's history; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
6 Legislature hereby honor the Westlake Fire Department on the
7 occasion of its 50th anniversary and extend to its firefighters,
8 emergency medical staff, and other personnel sincere best wishes
9 for continued success with their important work; and, be it further

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