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H.R. No. 25

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, An exemplary life dedicated to the safety of his
2 community drew to a close with the death of former Bastrop fire
3 chief Michael C. Fisher on July 4, 2017, at the age of 74; and

4 WHEREAS, Mike Fisher was born on October 6, 1942, to Merle and
5 Mary Fisher, and he attended Cameron Junior College and Oklahoma
6 State University; he was a loving husband to Bonnie Sue Fisher for
7 43 years and the proud father of three children, Mary Sue, Wesley,
8 and Robert; he also took great joy in welcoming into his family
9 seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; and

10 WHEREAS, Over the course of a distinguished career as a first
11 responder and emergency manager, Mr. Fisher served with the Bastrop
12 Fire Department from 1973 to 2013, and he led the agency as chief
13 from 1985 to 1995; he also held the office of director of water and
14 wastewater for Bastrop, and for 20 years, he was the city's
15 emergency management coordinator; and

16 WHEREAS, Following his retirement from that post in 2005,
17 Mr. Fisher served as deputy director of emergency management for
18 Bastrop County; as an incident commander during the catastrophic
19 wildfire in 2011, his skilled and rapid response helped save many
20 lives, and he also provided invaluable support to other regional
21 disaster response efforts, including the Burnet County floods in
22 2007 and the fertilizer plant explosion in West in 2013; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Fisher was a member of the Capital Area Type 3
24 Incident Management Team and the Capital Area Council of

1 Governments' Homeland Security Task Force, and he played an
2 instrumental role in the creation of the Texas Emergency Management
3 Assistance Team, a statewide network of multidisciplinary experts
4 who provide quick response to disasters; his numerous honors
5 include two Awards of Distinction from the Bastrop Chamber of
6 Commerce and a Phoenix Award for Outstanding Contributions to
7 Disaster Recovery by a Public Official from the U.S. Small Business
8 Administration; and

9 WHEREAS, For four and a half decades, Mike Fisher devoted
10 himself to protecting the lives and property of the people of
11 Bastrop and Bastrop County, and he leaves behind a record of service
12 that his loved ones can remember with pride; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
14 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory
15 of Michael C. Fisher and extend heartfelt sympathy to all who mourn
16 his passing; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
19 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Mike
20 Fisher.