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&
Texas Firemen’s Auxiliary

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MEMORIAL COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

As we set aside a time for a Memorial Service to honor those who departed from our midst during the past year, we herewith respectfully submit the following resolution.

WHEREAS: We desire to remember before God, our fellow firefighters who departed this life, and

WHEREAS: We desire to express our sorrow to their bereaved families,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

• Unto God’s gracious mercy and protection we commend the souls of the faithfully departed.
• We feel the loss of those who have given themselves unselfishly in the service of others.
• Each white flower placed upon the memorial wreath be our hallowed tribute to each departed member and each blue flower placed upon the memorial wreath be our hallowed tribute to each SFFMA Past President and each maroon flower placed upon the memorial wreath be our hallowed tribute to each SFFMA Executive Board member and each red flower placed upon the memorial wreath be our hallowed tribute to each departed member who died in the line of duty.
• Each pink flower placed upon the memorial wreath be our hallowed tribute to each departed Auxiliary Member and each yellow flower be placed upon the wreath be our hallowed tribute to each TFA Past President, and each lavender flower placed upon the memorial wreath be our hallowed tribute to each TFA Executive Board Member.
• Each Chief or representative of each department that has lost one of its members, accept a flower from the memorial wreath to be presented in turn to the bereaved family and inform the members of that family of this service held in memory of our beloved departed firefighters and TFA members.
• The memorial wreath will be placed in front of Central Station, Corpus Christi Fire Department.
• And a copy of this resolution be printed in the proceedings of the 134th Annual Training Conference and Convention of the State Firemen’s and Fire Marshals’ Association of Texas.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED, THE MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

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William Anthony Cargile, Member
Louise Watts, Member
Chief Richard Hooks, Corpus Christi Fire Department, Liaison
Carsten Meyer, South Central District, Liaison
The men and women of today’s fire service are confronted with a more dangerous work environment than ever before. We are forced to continually change our strategies and tactics to accomplish our tasks. Our methods may change, but our goals remain the same as they were in the past, to save lives and to protect property, sometimes at a terrible cost. This is what we do, this is our chosen profession; this is the tradition of the fire fighter.

The fire service of today is ever changing, but is steeped in traditions 200 years old. One such tradition is the sound of a bell.

In the past, as fire fighters began their tour of duty, it was the bell that signaled the beginning of that day’s shift. Throughout the day and night, each alarm was sounded by a bell, which summoned these brave souls to fight fires and to place their lives in jeopardy for the good of their fellow citizens. And when the fire was out and the alarm had come to an end, it was the bell that signaled to all the completion of that call. When a fire fighter had died in the line of duty, paying the supreme sacrifice, it was the mournful toll of the bell that solemnly announced a comrade’s passing.

We utilize these traditions as symbols, which reflect honor and respect on those who have given so much and who have served so well. To symbolize the devotion that these brave souls had to their duty, a single toll represents the end of our comrades duties and that they will be returning to quarters. And so, to those who have selflessly given their lives for the good of their fellow man, their tasks completed, their duties well done, to our comrades, their last alarm, they are going home.
2010 MEMORIAL SERVICE

Prelude ..................................................Dixie Whitmore, TFA Chaplain
Procession ..............................................Corpus Christi Pipe and Drum Corps
Honor Guard ..............................Corpus Christi Fire Department, Honor Guard
Call to Order ..........................................Kent Watts Jr., SFFMA President
Presentation of Colors .......................Corpus Christi Color Guard
Invocation .........................Carsten Meyer, Chaplain South Central District
Musical Selection ...”The Rose”, Adriana Garcia, Edinburg Fire Dept.
Memorial Resolution Reading....Ernest O. Reesing Jr., Past President 1988
Bell Ceremony Reading ......................Ben Kennedy, SFFMA Chaplain
Line of Duty Death Roll Call ......Patrick Hlavaty, Past President 1997
Firefighter Roll Call ......................Patrick Hlavaty, Past President 1997
Auxiliary Reading .........................Dixie Whitmore, TFA Chaplain
Auxiliary Roll Call ....................... Dixie Whitmore, TFA Chaplain
Musical Selection ......................................”I’ll Follow You into the Dark”,
........................................ Adriana Garcia, Edinburg Fire Department
Bell Ringer ............................................Corpus Christi Fire Department
Light Operator ....................................Corpus Christi Fire Department
Placing Flowers ...............................Crystal Sowell, TFA President
...............Helen Hlavaty for Janet Barrett, 4th Vice President ‘s Widow
Assisting ...........................................Louise Watts, TFA Past President
......................................................PamVanWinkle, SFFMASecretary’sWife
Memorial Sermon ...............................Ben Kennedy, SFFMA Chaplain
Musical Selection .............................”There You’ll Be”, Hilda Lomas
Benediction ........Gary D. Smith, Rockport Fire Department Chaplain
Signal 5-5-5 .................................Ben Kennedy, SFFMA Chaplain
Taps ..............................................Butch Tolbert, Cuero Fire Department Fire Chief
Recessional ............................Corpus Christi Pipe and Drum Corps
Postlude................................................Dixie Whitmore, TFA Chaplain
MEMORIAL COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

The State Firemen’s and Fire Marshals’ Association, the Texas Firemen’s Auxiliary and all of the Firefighters of Texas suffered a tragic loss with the unexpected death of Past President Marvin Setzer.

WHEREAS: Marvin Setzer served as President of the State Firemen’s and Fire Marshals’ Association in 1983.

WHEREAS: Marvin Setzer dedicated his life to serving the citizens of Texas and the Firefighters of Texas.

WHEREAS: Past President Marvin Setzer will always be remembered for his dedication to training and service to his fellow man.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that this association expresses its sincere appreciation and heartfelt condolences to the Setzer family and do hereby respectfully and reverently dedicate this 134th Annual Memorial Service to the memory of Past President Marvin Setzer this 13th day of June 2010.

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The State Firemen’s and Fire Marshals’ Association of Texas, the Texas Firemen’s Auxiliary and all of the Firefighters of Texas suffered a tragic loss with the unexpected death of the 4th Vice President of this Association.

WHEREAS: Pat Barrett would have served as President of the State Firemen’s and Fire Marshals’ Association in 2014.

WHEREAS: Pat Barrett faithfully dedicated his life and love to his family and serving Firefighters, members of his community and the State of Texas.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that this Association expresses its sincere appreciation and heartfelt condolences to the Barrett family and do hereby respectfully and reverently dedicate this 134th Annual Memorial Service to the memory of 4th Vice President Pat Barrett this 13th day of June 2010.

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In Memoriam 2010

SFFMA Past Presidents
Brazoria Fire Department
1983 Past President, Marvin Setzer.......................October 26, 2009

SFFMA Executive Board
ESTI, SFFMA
2009 4th Vice President, Pat Barrett......................April 3rd, 2010

Line Of Duty

Non-Line Of Duty
Alpine Fire Department
Marlin Word ..........................................................May 15, 2010
Alvin Fire Department
Joe “Gene” Miller ..................................................July 27, 2009
Arp Fire Department
Charles Mullican .....................................................July 8, 2009
Ballinger Fire Department
R.G. “Bobby” Cude ....................................................March 24, 2010
Bangs Fire Department
John Putnam “Pete” Eads, Jr. ..................................May 1, 2009
Beeville Fire Department
Doyle Childress .....................................................March 7, 2010
Bellmead Fire Department
Kenneth Karl “Butch” Kellough, Sr. ......................June 7, 2009
Boling Fire Department
Roberto “Berto” Celedon .................................January 30, 2010

Brownwood Fire Department
Onie Auldwin Carroll .................................October 14, 2009

Brenham Fire Department
Kent Reed Van Eman .................................September 1, 2009

Bridge City Fire Department
Jerry Pesson .................................September 4, 2009

Cameron Fire Department
Johnnie Thomas Barrett .................................March 16, 2010

Carthage Fire Department
Cecil Sistrunk .................................May 30, 2010

Chapel Hill Volunteer Fire Department
John W. Sparkman, Jr. (Bill) .................................December 3, 2009

Chappell Hill Fire Department
John “Bo” Schaer .................................August 24, 2007

Clute Volunteer Fire Department
Jerry Green ........................................June 11, 2009

Colleyville Fire Department
Robert Bufe .................................October 23, 2009

Conroe Fire Department
Glen Gindrup ........................................February 27, 2010

Denton Fire Department
Eldon Harral ........................................June 11, 2009

DeSoto Fire Rescue
Murrell L. Porter .................................October 26, 2009

D’Hanis Volunteer Fire Department
Sam Zerr ........................................December, 2009

Dixie Volunteer Fire Department
Karl Butts ........................................November 20, 2009

Eastland Volunteer Fire Department
Jack Graham ........................................June 9, 2009
Edinburg Volunteer Fire Department
Adan Cadena ............................................................. January 24, 2010
Donald Peter Gayken ................................................ February 2, 2010

El Campo Fire Department
Les Collins ........................................................................ June 8, 2010

Elgin Fire Department
Wayne Wilburn Jones .................................................... July 29, 2009
Wilton Charles Frase ................................................... October 3, 2009

Elm Mott Fire Department
Ann Reed ........................................................................ April 27, 2010

Falls City Volunteer Fire Department
Rudy Dzuik ..................................................................... January 9, 2010

Gause Fire Department
Sharon Jones ..................................................................... February 19, 2010

Gilmer Fire Department
Christopher Allen Carpenter ............................................. June 21, 2008
Henry Fink ........................................................................ August 1, 2009

Harlingen Fire Department
Lieutenant Rito Barrera ..................................................... January 12, 2010
Captain Edward Muniz .................................................... February 27, 2010

Harper Volunteer Fire Department
Elbert Feller ...................................................................... March 4, 2009
Elmer Lee Lange ............................................................ December 5, 2009

Hearne Fire Department
Claude Tindel .................................................................... October 22, 2009

Hereford Fire Department
Charles L.”Chuck” Laing ................................................... April 18, 2010

Hitchcock Volunteer Fire Department
Alan Bruce Oberg .......................................................... November 14, 2009

Idalou Volunteer Fire Department
Jerry Tidrow ..................................................................... December 18, 2009

Jacksboro Volunteer Fire Department
Jimmy Brisco .................................................................... September 17, 2009
Karnes City Volunteer Fire Department
Taylor Blakeney .....................................................March 4, 2010
Charles Lopez ........................................................April 25, 2010

Kilgore Fire Department
Dale McBride ............................................................July 6, 2009

Latium Wesley Greenvine Fire Department
Jack Parkison ..................................................December 6, 1994

Linn San Manuel Fire Department
Antonio Alfaro, Jr. ............................................October 19, 2009

McAllen Fire Department
John Palmer King, Jr. ...........................................December 9, 2009

McGregor Fire Department
Billy Russ ..........................................................October 21, 2009
Jim Snider ............................................................November 13, 2009
Otto Hackfeld ..........................................................February 18, 2010
Albertus “Bert” Lee, Jr. ...........................................March 31, 2010

McQueeney Volunteer Fire Department
Clyde Weikert ...........................................................May 15, 2010

Medina Lake Volunteer Fire Department
Gilbert Wells ...........................................................January 13, 2010

Milano Fire Department
Elvin Alory Campbell ..................................December 30, 2009
L.B. Blake, Sr. .............................................................January 8, 2010

Mineral Wells Volunteer Fire Department
Arthur Lasater Schulte .........................................July 14, 2009
Elfred Allen “Squeaky” Fryer .........................September 8, 2009

Moody Fire Department
J.P. Ross ..................................................November 9, 2009
David Culpepper ...........................................December 12, 2009

Northwest Volunteer Fire Department
Wes Cole .................................................................June 19, 2009

Odessa Fire Department
James R. Wiggs ...................................................January 15, 2010

Pleasanton Fire Department
Fred W. Krause .......................................................May 15, 2010
Prairie Hill Fire Department
Cort Costello .........................................................September 17, 2009

Ranger Fire Department
Adam Diaz Lopez ......................................................April 21, 2010

Refugio Volunteer Fire Department
John Gill .................................................................December 25, 2008

Reisel Fire Department
Walter Kuehl ..............................................................January 1, 2010

Rockdale Fire Department
Clayton Evans .............................................................June 21, 2009
Henry Nelson Mueller ..................................................March 20, 2010

Rockport Volunteer Fire Department
John “Johnny” Ray, Jr. ....................................................June 10, 2010

Rosebud Fire Department
William James Rolan Bell, Jr. ......................................January 6, 2010

San Felipe - Frydek Volunteer Fire Department
George Lister ................................................................April 14, 2010

Sansom Park Fire Department
Mike Wasser ..................................................................November 19, 2009

Seminole Volunteer Fire Department
Robert Anthony Alvarado, Jr. .......................................October 9, 2009

Seguin Fire Department
Marvin Willke ..............................................................December 13, 2009

South Houston Fire Department
Eugene “Bubba” Savell.................................................February 9, 2010

Southside Place Fire Department
Stephen Thomas Cassias ..............................................January 3, 2010

Yoakum Fire Department
John Hough .................................................................June 2, 2010

SFFMA Staff
Leroy “Skip” Hahn....................................................October 25, 2009

TEEX, Industrial School Guest Instructor
Melvin Schmidt..............................................................November 22, 2009

Texas Department of Emergency Management
Jack Colley ....................................................................May 17, 2010
Texas Firemen’s Auxiliary
TFA Past Presidents

Childress Fire Department
1950 Past President, Frances Ballew ......................May 22, 2009

Edcouch Fire Department
1964 TFA Past President, Nelle L. Leggett.........January 21, 2010

Del Rio Fire Department
1980 TFA Past President, Peggy Acosta...............March 8, 2010

Auxiliary Members

Anson Fire Department
Annetta Simmons .................................................April 29, 2009

Beeville Fire Department
Mary Denkeler ........................................................April 10, 2010

El Campo Fire Department
Lucy Collins ...........................................................January 4, 2010

Elgin Fire Department
Glenda Swenson ...................................................March 2010

Milano Fire Department
Eva Standard Strong ............................................October 18, 2009

Overton Fire Department
Judy White .............................................................June 11, 2009

Rockdale Fire Department
Louise Richards .....................................................November 24, 2009
During the Civil War, in July 1862 when the Army of the Potomac was in camp, Brig. Gen. Daniel Butterfield summoned Pvt. Oliver Wilcox Norton, his brigade bugler, to his tent. Butterfield, who disliked the colorless "extinguish lights" call then in use, whistled a new tune and asked the bugler to sound it for him. After repeated trials and changing the time of some notes which were scribbled on the back of an envelope, the call was finally arranged to suit Gen. Butterfield and used for the first time that night. Pvt. Norton, who on several occasions, had sounded numerous new calls composed by his commander, recalled his experience of the origin of "Taps" years later:

"One day in July 1862 when the Army of the Potomac was in camp at Harrison's Landing on the James River, Virginia, resting and recruiting from its losses in the seven days of battle before Richmond, Gen. Butterfield summoned the writer to his tent, and whistling some new tune, asked the bugler to sound it for him. This was done, not quite to his satisfaction at first, but after repeated trials, changing the time of some of the notes, which were scribbled on the back of an envelope, the call was finally arranged to suit the general.

"He then ordered that it should be substituted in his brigade for the regulation "Taps" (extinguish lights) which was printed in the Tactics and used by the whole army. This was done for the first time that night. The next day buglers from nearby brigades came over to the camp of Butterfield's brigade to ask the meaning of this new call. They liked it, and copying the music, returned to their camps, but it was not until some time later, when generals of other commands had heard its melodious notes, that orders were issued, or permission given, to substitute it throughout the Army of the Potomac for the time-honored call which came down from West Point.

In the western armies the regulation call was in use until the autumn of 1863. At that time the XI and XII Corps were detached from the Army of the Potomac and sent under command of Gen. Hooker to reinforce the Union Army at Chattanooga, Tenn. Through its use in these corps it became known in the western armies and was adopted by them. From that time, it became and remains to this day the official call for "Taps."

Gen. Butterfield, in composing this call and directing that it be used for "Taps" in his brigade, could not have foreseen its popularity and the use for another purpose into which it would grow.
Taps

Day is done.  
Gone the sun.  
From the lakes  
From the hills.  
From the sky.  
All is well.  
Safely rest.  
God is nigh.

Fading light.  
Dims the sight.  
And a star.  
Gems the sky.  
Gleaming bright.  
From afar.  
Drawing nigh.  
Falls the night.

Thanks and praise.  
For our days.  
Neath the sun  
Neath the stars.  
Neath the sky

As we go.  
This we know.  
God is nigh............