

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, For nearly 25 years, Shawn M. Snider has served his
2 community with tremendous dedication as chief of the Edinburg Fire
3 Department; and

4 WHEREAS, Shawn Snider began his career in fire service in
5 1981 as a volunteer firefighter and paid mechanic with the Alamo
6 Fire Department, where he later earned promotion to fire marshal;
7 in 1991, he transferred to the Edinburg Fire Department to accept a
8 position as assistant fire marshal; after excelling in his duties
9 over the next several years, he was named the department's fire
10 chief in 1999; and

11 WHEREAS, Chief Snider has concurrently served as the City of
12 Edinburg's emergency management coordinator throughout his tenure
13 as fire chief, and from December 2011 to July 2012, he was also the
14 acting city manager; in addition, he has benefited his community
15 greatly as chair of the Hidalgo County Fire Chiefs Association, as
16 the leader of Texas Task Force I Type 3 in the Rio Grande Valley, and
17 as an instructor at the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service
18 Municipal Fire School; and

19 WHEREAS, Respected by his peers, Chief Snider was elected
20 president of the State Firefighters' and Fire Marshals' Association
21 in 2009, and he went on to play an active role in promoting the
22 association's legislative agenda during that year; he has
23 previously served as regional director and volunteer director for
24 the Texas Fire Chiefs Association, and he has held other prominent

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1 leadership positions, such as training coordinator for the Rio
2 Grande Valley Firefighters' and Fire Marshals' Association and
3 member of the State Firefighters' and Fire Marshals' Association
4 Certification Board; and

5 WHEREAS, Chief Snider has furthered his professional
6 development by earning certifications as a master firefighter,
7 master peace officer, and advanced fire inspector, among others; he
8 has consistently prioritized his responsibilities as a public
9 servant and the needs of his firefighters above his own needs, and
10 he has likewise impressed others with his deep devotion to his faith
11 and family, which includes his wife, Edna Snider, and daughter,
12 Sarah; and

13 WHEREAS, Shawn Snider has exemplified the highest ideals of
14 his profession and contributed immeasurably to the safety and
15 well-being of his fellow citizens, and his outstanding efforts have
16 earned him the lasting gratitude and admiration of all who know him;
17 now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
19 Legislature hereby honor Fire Chief Shawn M. Snider for his many
20 years of exemplary service to the City of Edinburg; and, be it
21 further

22 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
23 prepared for Chief Snider as an expression of high regard by the
24 Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 998 was adopted by the House on April 20, 2023, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House