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H.R. No. 1040

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Mayor Floyd Petri of Chester has demonstrated a
2 long-standing commitment to his fellow citizens over the course of
3 his career in public and military service; and

4 WHEREAS, Now serving his third term, Mayor Petri was first
5 sworn into office on September 17, 2016, and over the past five
6 years, he has demonstrated dedication and expertise in managing
7 city government and addressing the priorities of area residents;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Mayor Petri draws on many years of experience in the
10 armed forces and in law enforcement; after enlisting in the U.S. Air
11 Force in 1961, he completed nuclear weapons training in Colorado
12 and then undertook assignments in which he loaded atomic weapons
13 onto B-47 aircraft at Dyess Air Force Base in Abilene and onto B-52
14 bombers at Barksdale Air Force Base in Louisiana; he also supported
15 the Operation Arc Light mission in Southeast Asia during the
16 Vietnam War; and

17 WHEREAS, Following the conclusion of his air force service,
18 Mr. Petri became a member of the Nacogdoches Police Department in
19 1965, and during his time with the department, he rose to become
20 lieutenant watch commander, bomb squad commander, and SWAT
21 commander; he joined the Tyler County Sheriff's Office in 1977 as a
22 deputy, and two years later he was named chief of police for the
23 City of Kountze; and

24 WHEREAS, In 1980, Mr. Petri entered the Texas Air National

1 Guard and went on to serve as an air police officer at Ellington Air
2 Force Base; he later became a strike response team leader, and in
3 that role, he assisted with security details for Presidents Ronald
4 Reagan and George H. W. Bush in the Houston area; he subsequently
5 took the helm of a new Army National Guard Criminal Investigation
6 Division in Austin, and he held army special agent and Texas state
7 adjutant general special agent credentials as part of his guard
8 duty; in 1995, he received medical retirement at the rank of
9 sergeant first class (E-7) special agent with the U.S. Army
10 Criminal Investigation Command; and

11 WHEREAS, Since October 5, 2018, Mayor Petri has benefited
12 from the support and companionship of his German Shepherd service
13 dog, Zara, who was given to him by Operations for Rebuilding
14 Warriors in a special ceremony at Chester City Hall; and

15 WHEREAS, Floyd Petri has distinguished himself through the
16 professionalism and commitment to duty he has demonstrated over the
17 course of his civic, law enforcement, and military careers, and he
18 may indeed reflect with pride on his many contributions; now,
19 therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
21 Legislature hereby commend Floyd Petri for his outstanding
22 achievements in military and public service and extend to him
23 sincere best wishes for continued success in all his endeavors;
24 and, be it further

25 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
26 prepared for Mayor Petri as an expression of high regard by the
27 Texas House of Representatives.