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H.R. No. 1108

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Chief Don Crowson of the Arlington Fire Department
2 is retiring on May 31, 2023, drawing to a close an outstanding
3 career with the agency that has spanned four decades; and

4 WHEREAS, Don Crowson joined the Arlington Fire Department in
5 1983; he climbed the ranks in the decades that followed and was
6 appointed fire chief and director of emergency management in 2010;
7 during his time in that role, he has skillfully guided department
8 operations and played an instrumental role in overseeing the city's
9 response to natural disasters and other emergencies; moreover, he
10 has directed public safety operations for a number of major events,
11 including two World Series games and a Super Bowl; and

12 WHEREAS, In the course of his duties, Chief Crowson directs
13 the city's emergency management team and the 911 Dispatch Center,
14 and his wide-ranging responsibilities also include managing the
15 Arlington Emergency Medical Services System and chairing the
16 Tarrant County 911 District Board of Managers; in addition, he has
17 formed partnerships with other organizations to expand the fire
18 department's services and meet the needs of the community; in 2005,
19 he helped establish the agency's Bomb Squad, which has become the
20 largest explosive ordnance disposal unit in North Texas; and

21 WHEREAS, Under Chief Crowson's able leadership, the
22 Arlington Office of Emergency Management earned accreditation by
23 the Emergency Management Accreditation Program, becoming just the
24 sixth agency in the nation to receive that designation, and the

1 Arlington Fire Department earned the top Public Protection
2 Classification rating from the Insurance Services Office in 2017;
3 that same year, Chief Crowson became the first fire chief in the
4 nation to receive the American Medical Association's Dr. Nathan
5 Davis Award for Outstanding Government Service in the category of
6 career public servant at the local level; and

7 WHEREAS, Don Crowson's dedication, hard work, and commitment
8 to excellence have greatly benefited the citizens of Arlington and
9 earned him the respect and admiration of his fellow first
10 responders, and he may indeed reflect with pride on a career well
11 spent as he embarks on the next exciting chapter of his life; now,
12 therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
14 Legislature hereby congratulate Chief Don Crowson on his retirement
15 from the Arlington Fire Department and extend to him sincere best
16 wishes for the future; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for Chief Crowson as an expression of high regard by the
19 Texas House of Representatives.