

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Chief Mike Berezin is retiring from the Missouri
2 City Police Department on May 19, 2023, drawing to a close an
3 exemplary career that has spanned nearly 35 years; and

4 WHEREAS, Mike Berezin first joined the department as a patrol
5 officer in January 1989; he excelled in performing his duties on the
6 force and was honored as Officer of the Year by the 100 Club of Fort
7 Bend County in 1990 and with the same award by the 100 Club of
8 Greater Houston in 2001; over the years, he rose steadily through
9 the ranks, serving as a field training officer, crime scene
10 investigator, patrol sergeant, patrol lieutenant, captain, and
11 assistant chief of police, before being named chief of police in
12 2014; and

13 WHEREAS, During his tenure with the department, Chief Berezin
14 has helped maintain the safety of a city that has experienced
15 exponential growth over the past several decades; he oversaw the
16 development of Missouri City PD's first police mini-station and
17 first motorcycle traffic enforcement unit, and he led efforts to
18 promote transparency by making the department's policies and
19 procedures available to view online and by publishing an annual
20 report with detailed crime statistics and other information; and

21 WHEREAS, Among Chief Berezin's most significant achievements
22 was the role he played in the implementation of the department's
23 well-regarded community outreach program, through which
24 supervisors are assigned to attend homeowners association meetings

1 and to collaborate with residents on crime prevention measures; he
2 shared his expertise on community policing and crime reduction on a
3 national level in 2016, when he traveled to Washington, D.C., to
4 oversee the development of President Barack Obama's Task Force
5 Report on 21st Century Policing; and

6 WHEREAS, Chief Berezin graduated from the Leadership Command
7 College at Sam Houston State University, from the 236th Session of
8 the FBI National Academy, and from the Senior Executives for State
9 and Local Government program at Harvard University; and

10 WHEREAS, Throughout his many years in law enforcement, Chief
11 Mike Berezin has distinguished himself as a public servant of the
12 highest order, and his contributions have earned him the gratitude
13 of the community and the deep respect of his fellow officers; now,
14 therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
16 Legislature hereby congratulate Mike Berezin on his retirement as
17 chief of the Missouri City Police Department and extend to him
18 sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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

Reynolds

H.R. No. 2187

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2187 was adopted by the House on May 29, 2023, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House