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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.