

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Lance Billeaud has served his community with
2 tremendous dedication as chief of the Groves Fire Department; and

3 WHEREAS, Since joining the department in 1997, Lance Billeaud
4 has impressed colleagues with his skill and leadership, which
5 resulted in him being named the city's fire chief and emergency
6 management coordinator in 2020; in those roles, he has continued to
7 build a strong rapport with residents, public officials, and staff,
8 and he was recently appointed by the Groves City Council to serve as
9 interim city manager; and

10 WHEREAS, Chief Billeaud has shared his expertise with other
11 fire safety personnel as a volunteer training officer for the
12 Groves FD and as a lead instructor at the Lamar Institute of
13 Technology Regional Fire Academy; he was named the department's
14 Firefighter of the Year in 2004, and he was honored with a Special
15 Recognition Award by the Sabine-Neches Chiefs Association in 2017;
16 he has served on the board of directors of the Fire Museum of Texas
17 since 2012; and

18 WHEREAS, An active volunteer in his community, Chief Billeaud
19 coached in the local Little League and Little Dribblers programs
20 for several years, and he has provided color commentary for Port
21 Neches-Groves High School football games for the past decade; he is
22 also a valued congregant of Immaculate Conception-St. Peter the
23 Apostle Catholic Parish and a dedicated member of the Knights of
24 Columbus; and

1 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Chief Billeaud enjoys the love
2 and support of his wife of 27 years, Tracie Billeaud; his treasured
3 family includes his three children, Marissa, Kasey, and Ryan, and
4 his three grandchildren, Kambree, McKenzie, and Owen; and

5 WHEREAS, Chief Lance Billeaud's hard work, professionalism,
6 and commitment to excellence have earned him the trust and
7 admiration of the citizens of Groves, and he is indeed deserving of
8 recognition for his exemplary service; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
10 Legislature hereby honor Fire Chief Lance Billeaud for his
11 contributions to the Groves community and extend to him sincere
12 best wishes for the future; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for Chief Billeaud as an expression of high regard by the
15 Texas House of Representatives.

Manuel

H.R. No. 2363

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2363 was adopted by the House on May 29, 2023, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House