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SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Robert Rocha upon the occasion of his retirement as chief of the Corpus Christi Fire Department on January 20, 2023, after 11 years of outstanding leadership; and

WHEREAS, Robert Rocha began his tenure as fire chief with the Corpus Christi Fire Department in 2011; with more than four decades of fire service experience, he is highly respected by his colleagues and is well known for his dedication, courage, and superior leadership; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his distinguished career, Robert has successfully managed the far-reaching responsibilities of a fire chief, and he is admired by citizens throughout the community for his dedication to the safety of the Corpus Christi community; and

WHEREAS, Robert has led the Corpus Christi Fire Department through 11 years of development and challenges, including Hurricane Harvey and the COVID-19 pandemic; he has overseen the management of hundreds of firefighters and the construction of two new fire stations while maintaining the department's rigorous training requirements, high standards, and diversity; and

WHEREAS, An innovative leader, Robert has incorporated the use of modern technology, including a drone, to assist with emergency responses; he has displayed expertise and sound

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judgment in managing the unique challenges of overseeing a major department in a thriving coastal city, and he has always been eager and prepared to assist those in need; and

WHEREAS, A man of integrity and strength, Robert Rocha is highly esteemed and admired by his colleagues at the department and by the members of the community, and he will be greatly missed by all at the Corpus Christi Fire Department; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 88th Legislature, hereby commend Chief Robert Rocha on his exceptional career with the Corpus Christi Fire Department and extend to him best wishes for the retirement years ahead; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.