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H.R. No. 42

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, On July 5, 2003, after more than three decades of
2 outstanding service, Assistant Chief of Police Jerry DeFoor
3 retired from the Houston Police Department; and

4 WHEREAS, A native of Alabama, Chief DeFoor was raised in
5 Galena Park, Texas, and attended San Jacinto College; he later
6 answered his country's call to duty, serving as a quartermaster in
7 the United States Navy submarine service; and

8 WHEREAS, Since joining the Houston Police Department in
9 January 1968, this outstanding public servant has brought honor to
10 the force throughout his service as a patrolman, detective,
11 lieutenant, and captain; his dedication and professionalism
12 ultimately earned him the rank of assistant chief of police, a post
13 he has held since 1998; and

14 WHEREAS, Chief DeFoor has helped to develop and implement
15 programs that have greatly benefited the citizens of Houston,
16 including the Differential Response Team and the Neighborhood
17 Rescue Plan; the first citywide gang crime investigations
18 coordinator, he also oversaw the completion of the Emergency
19 Communications Center while serving as acting executive director of
20 the Houston Emergency Center during the last year of his tenure with
21 the Houston Police Department; and

22 WHEREAS, The leadership and vision of this notable law
23 enforcement officer have garnered him many well-deserved
24 accolades, including letters of commendation from President George

1 Bush, President George W. Bush, and Congressman Gene Green; and

2 WHEREAS, Chief DeFoor is a devoted husband and father and an
3 exemplary lawman whose integrity and devotion to duty have earned
4 him the respect and admiration of colleagues and citizens alike;
5 while his leadership will be missed, the legacy of achievement he
6 leaves behind will not soon be forgotten; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
8 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby commend Assistant Chief of
9 Police Jerry DeFoor on his retirement from the Houston Police
10 Department and extend to him warmest best wishes for continued
11 success and happiness; and, be it further

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