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H.R. No. 142

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Andy Mehl retired as chief of the Midland Fire
2 Department on November 15, 2005, concluding an outstanding 35-year
3 career as a firefighter; and

4 WHEREAS, Before becoming Midland's fire chief nine years ago,
5 Chief Mehl was employed by the El Paso Fire Department for 26 years,
6 the last eight of which he served as chief; he also worked in behalf
7 of his profession for 10 years as an officer in the Texas Fire
8 Chief's Association and as chair of the Texas Commission on Fire
9 Protection following an appointment by Governor William P.
10 Clements, Jr.; and

11 WHEREAS, During his tenure in Midland, Chief Mehl worked
12 tirelessly to further enhance the operations of the department; his
13 achievements were many and included improving firefighter safety,
14 securing pay raises for firefighters who earn a bachelor's or
15 master's degree, updating firefighter air supply equipment, and
16 increasing staffing on individual fire engines; and

17 WHEREAS, Throughout his career, Chief Mehl enjoyed the love
18 and support of his wife, Diann; his retirement will undoubtedly
19 afford them the opportunity to spend more time together traveling
20 to visit their children, working on their property, and
21 volunteering; and

22 WHEREAS, Chief Mehl served the City of Midland with integrity
23 and dedication, earning the lasting respect and admiration of all
24 those who were privileged to work by his side, and he may take

1 pleasure in a job well done as he embarks on this exciting new
2 chapter in his life; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
4 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby congratulate Chief Andy
5 Mehl on his retirement from the Midland Fire Department and extend
6 to him sincere best wishes for continued happiness; and, be it
7 further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
9 prepared for Chief Mehl as an expression of high regard by the Texas
10 House of Representatives.