

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Joseph J. Bettega is retiring as fire chief of  
2           Bellaire after 33 years of service to the department, and this  
3           memorable milestone offers an ideal opportunity to reflect on this  
4           noteworthy Texan's outstanding work in behalf of the community; and

5           WHEREAS, Chief Bettega first joined the Bellaire Fire  
6           Department in 1972 as a firefighter, and since that time he has  
7           served in a number of capacities, including as public safety  
8           officer, inspector, investigator, lieutenant, captain, fire  
9           marshal, emergency management coordinator, and most recently  
10          chief; and

11          WHEREAS, The many honors he has been accorded throughout his  
12          career are testament to his talents, and he was named the City of  
13          Bellaire's 1990 Employee of the Year and the Bellaire Fire  
14          Department's 1999 Firefighter of the Year; and

15          WHEREAS, He has also lent his time and ability to a number of  
16          professional associations and is a member of the Fire Marshals  
17          Association of North America, the Texas Fire Chiefs Association,  
18          the International Association of Fire Investigators, and the  
19          International Association of Fire Chiefs; and

20          WHEREAS, Chief Bettega's tenure leading the department has  
21          been characterized by a number of visionary public safety  
22          initiatives, and under his watch the department improved its  
23          emergency response programs to better anticipate the possibility of  
24          terrorism; and

1           WHEREAS, In looking back on his career, this dedicated public  
2 servant may indeed take pride in the many significant contributions  
3 he has made to the betterment of his community; now, therefore, be  
4 it

5           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
6 Legislature hereby congratulate Chief Joseph J. Bettega on the  
7 occasion of his retirement as fire chief of Bellaire and extend to  
8 him sincere best wishes for continued happiness; and, be it further

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

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H.R. No. 510

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 510 was adopted by the House on March 23, 2005, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House