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H.R. No. 510

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.