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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Mike Nolen, who stepped down as chief of The Colony
2 Fire Department in September 2008, rendered outstanding service to
3 his fellow citizens throughout a firefighting career that spanned
4 nearly three decades; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Nolen worked as a teacher and a coach before
6 becoming a firefighter 28 years ago; he served with the Lewisville
7 and Farmers Branch Fire Departments for a total of 24 years; and

8 WHEREAS, Named chief of The Colony Fire Department in 2004,
9 Mr. Nolen played a crucial role in expanding fire service for a
10 growing community; during his first months on the job, he was
11 instrumental in creating a five-year plan to guide the development
12 of the department, and over the course of his tenure he saw much of
13 that plan brought to fruition, including the opening of a third fire
14 station and the hiring of additional personnel; and

15 WHEREAS, Although he has moved on from TCFD, Mr. Nolen is
16 continuing to share his expertise with a new generation of
17 firefighters, for he now serves as a full-time faculty member with
18 the fire sciences program of Collin College; and

19 WHEREAS, Mike Nolen's dedication, professionalism, and
20 commitment to excellence have greatly benefited the residents of
21 The Colony, and he may indeed reflect with pride on a career well
22 spent as he embarks on the next exciting chapter of his life; now,
23 therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas

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1 Legislature hereby congratulate Mike Nolen on his retirement as
2 chief of The Colony Fire Department and extend to him sincere best
3 wishes for continued success and happiness; and, be it further

4 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
5 prepared for Mr. Nolen as an expression of high regard by the Texas
6 House of Representatives.