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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Otto Drozd has been appointed as the new chief of the
2 El Paso Fire Department, and he officially took office on April 20,
3 2009; and

4 WHEREAS, Raised in Hialeah, Florida, Chief Drozd earned
5 associate degrees in business and fire science from Miami Dade
6 Community College; he went on to receive a bachelor's degree in
7 public management from Florida Atlantic University and a master's
8 degree in management from St. Thomas University in Miami; and

9 WHEREAS, Chief Drozd joined the Hialeah Fire Department in
10 1986; he was promoted to fire engineer in 1989, to lieutenant in
11 1991, and to district chief in 1994; he became chief of the
12 department in 2001; and

13 WHEREAS, With his appointment as fire chief for the City of El
14 Paso, this veteran firefighter joins a department with a 127-year
15 history, and he will be at the head of an experienced team of 800
16 personnel; and

17 WHEREAS, Exemplifying the highest ideals of his profession,
18 Otto Drozd brings to El Paso 22 years of experience as a firefighter
19 and first responder, and it is indeed a pleasure to welcome him to
20 Texas; now, therefore be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
22 Legislature hereby congratulate Otto Drozd on his appointment as
23 fire chief for the City of El Paso and extend to him sincere best
24 wishes for success in his new post; and, be it further

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1 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
2 prepared for Chief Drozd as an expression of high regard by the
3 Texas House of Representatives.