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H.R. No. 505

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Jack James, whose outstanding tenure with the
2 Garland Fire Department spanned 36 years, has stepped down from his
3 post as assistant fire chief to assume his new duties as justice of
4 the peace for Precinct One in Rockwall County; and

5 WHEREAS, A graduate of the University of South Florida, Jack
6 James joined the Garland Fire Department in January 1975; he rose
7 steadily through the ranks, winning promotion to driver,
8 lieutenant, and captain before assuming the title of assistant fire
9 chief in 1994; while holding the latter rank, he served as chief of
10 administration and later as chief of operations; and

11 WHEREAS, Over the course of his distinguished career, Chief
12 James earned master firefighter certification from the Texas
13 Commission on Fire Protection and completed the executive fire
14 officer program at the National Fire Academy; he served on the
15 Firefighter Advisory Board and the Paramedic Advisory Board, and he
16 helped coordinate the Citizens Fire Academy, the Technical Rescue
17 Team, and the Uniform Clothing Committee; and

18 WHEREAS, In addition to his skilled leadership, Chief James
19 was noted among Garland firefighters for his irrepressible sense of
20 humor, a much-appreciated trait that helped to lighten the stress
21 of their job and that contributed to the high morale of the
22 department; and

23 WHEREAS, In all of his endeavors, Jack James has enjoyed the
24 love and support of his wife, Judy, and his children, Justin and

1 Jennifer; a longtime resident of Rockwall County, Chief James was
2 elected as justice of the peace for Precinct One in November 2010;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Through his unwavering commitment to protecting the
5 lives and property of his fellow citizens, Jack James has earned the
6 respect and admiration of his colleagues and the lasting gratitude
7 of his community, and his dedication to public service is a
8 continuing source of inspiration to all who know him; now,
9 therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
11 Legislature hereby commend Jack James for his exemplary service
12 with the Garland Fire Department and extend to him sincere best
13 wishes for continued success; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for Mr. James as an expression of high regard by the Texas
16 House of Representatives.