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H.R. No. 1878

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Steve Deffibaugh is retiring from his post as the  
2 Collin County fire marshal in 2011, drawing to a close a notable  
3 tenure in public service that has spanned more than three decades;  
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5           WHEREAS, Born in Borger, Mr. Deffibaugh graduated from  
6 Sherman High School in 1969 and then served his nation as a member  
7 of the United States Marine Corps; he entered law enforcement in  
8 1973 and worked for the police departments of Van Alstyne and  
9 McKinney before joining the Collin County Sheriff's Office in 1978  
10 as a deputy; after four years in that assignment, he became a  
11 criminal investigator for the Collin County Criminal District  
12 Attorney's Office, where he was employed for 14 years; and

13           WHEREAS, In 1996, he was appointed as the Collin County fire  
14 marshal; during his notable 15-year tenure, Mr. Deffibaugh has  
15 dedicated himself to enforcing the fire safety codes, monitoring  
16 severe weather and storm damage across the county, and working  
17 closely with area volunteer fire departments; in addition, he has  
18 placed an emphasis on sharing important information on fire  
19 prevention, including conducting safety sessions with thousands of  
20 schoolchildren; and

21           WHEREAS, Mr. Deffibaugh's commitment to his community has  
22 been reflected in other ways as well; he was the mayor of Princeton  
23 for two terms and a volunteer firefighter for that city, and he has  
24 further distinguished himself through his efforts as a scoutmaster

1 and church deacon; in recognition of his contributions to the area,  
2 he was named one of the "21 for the 21st Century" by *Inside Collin*  
3 *County Business*; and

4 WHEREAS, Steve Deffibaugh's professionalism and devotion to  
5 public safety have greatly benefited his fellow citizens, and he  
6 may indeed reflect with pride on a career well spent as he embarks  
7 on the next exciting chapter in his life; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
9 Legislature hereby congratulate Steve Deffibaugh on the occasion of  
10 his retirement as the Collin County fire marshal and extend to him  
11 sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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