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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Chief Lonnie Bernhardt retired from the Southside  
2 Place Police Department on January 18, 2013, drawing to a close an  
3 outstanding career in public safety; and

4 WHEREAS, Chief Bernhardt began his tenure in law enforcement  
5 in 1984, when he was hired by the Harris County Sheriff's Department  
6 as a reserve deputy; he went on to serve with the Jersey Village  
7 Police Department and joined the police force in Southside Place in  
8 1989; and

9 WHEREAS, Initially a part-time warrant officer, he took a  
10 full-time assignment with the department in 1994 and subsequently  
11 distinguished himself as a patrol officer and sergeant before he  
12 was named chief of police; and

13 WHEREAS, A proud veteran of the U.S. Navy, Chief Bernhardt  
14 also compiled 20 years of exemplary service with the Houston Fire  
15 Department; in retirement, he looks forward to spending time with  
16 his 6 children and 10 grandchildren; and

17 WHEREAS, Lonnie Bernhardt's dedication, professionalism, and  
18 expertise have greatly benefited his fellow citizens, and he may  
19 indeed reflect with pride on a career well spent as he embarks on  
20 the next exciting chapter of his life; now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
22 Legislature hereby honor Chief Lonnie Bernhardt on his retirement  
23 from the Southside Place Police Department and extend to him  
24 sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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