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H.R. No. 1337

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, John Lenz has performed invaluable service to his
2 community, both as a veteran firefighter with the Austin Fire
3 Department and as a longtime member of the board of directors for
4 the North Austin Municipal Utility District No. 1; and

5 WHEREAS, A veteran of the U.S. Army, Mr. Lenz joined the
6 Austin Fire Department 19 years ago, and he successfully competed
7 with hundreds of candidates to earn promotion to driver and then to
8 lieutenant; in his current role as captain, he supervises four fire
9 stations, and he also serves as acting chief in the absence of his
10 immediate superior; when fire broke out in South Austin near the
11 Circle C development in 2011, Captain Lenz assisted in saving many
12 homes, and his skill, courage, and leadership have earned him the
13 lasting respect of his coworkers and the public; in addition,
14 Captain Lenz has worked as a training officer at the AFD's training
15 academy, helping to educate and inspire the next generation of
16 firefighters; and

17 WHEREAS, Despite the demands of his professional duties,
18 Mr. Lenz found the time to serve his community as a member of the
19 board of directors of the North Austin MUD No. 1; over the course of
20 his tenure, he helped change his neighborhood's name from Milwood
21 to Rattan Creek to avoid confusion with another area, participated
22 in the successful effort to postpone the neighborhood's annexation
23 by the City of Austin until 2023, spearheaded the installation and
24 repair of fire hydrants, and worked with the county to improve

1 crosswalks and the center striping of roads; and

2 WHEREAS, In his role as a firefighter, John Lenz has helped
3 protect the lives and property of his fellow citizens, and in his
4 role as a community leader, he has greatly benefited his
5 neighborhood, and he may indeed take pride in his outstanding
6 record of dedication, professionalism, and service to others; now,
7 therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
9 Legislature hereby commend John Lenz for his service to the Austin
10 Fire Department and to the North Austin Municipal Utility District
11 No. 1 and extend to him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be
12 it further

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