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RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Don Allen Poovey is retiring as the assistant fire 2 chief of Rowlett Fire Rescue on March 31, 2015, concluding 34 years 3 of outstanding service to the community; and

WHEREAS, Born and raised in Rowlett, Don Poovey joined Rowlett Fire Rescue as a volunteer firefighter in 1981 at the age of and was the second career firefighter to be hired by the department; he became a fire medic later that year, and he was appointed a lieutenant in 1984; promoted to captain in 1991, he was twice chosen to lead the department as interim fire chief, and he has been assistant chief since February 2000; and

11 WHEREAS, Assistant Chief Poovey holds certifications as an 12 advanced firefighter, intermediate instructor, and fire inspector 13 from the Texas Commission on Fire Protection; he has been 14 recognized on numerous occasions for his dedicated efforts in the 15 line of duty, receiving the Fire Officer of the Year, Supervisor of 16 the Year, and Rowlett Employee of the Year honors as well as the 17 Fire Department Outstanding Service Award; and

WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Assistant Chief Poovey enjoys the love and support of his wife, Lisa, his children, Ashley and Jacob, and his grandson, Alex; in retirement, he plans to spend more time working on home improvement projects and traveling the country; and

23 WHEREAS, Throughout his tenure with Rowlett Fire Rescue, Don 24 Poovey has demonstrated exemplary leadership while devoting

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1 himself to protecting the lives and property of his fellow 2 citizens, and he may indeed reflect with pride on a distinguished 3 career; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
Legislature hereby congratulate Don Allen Poovey on his retirement
as assistant fire chief of Rowlett Fire Rescue and extend to him
best wishes for the future; and, be it further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be 9 prepared for Assistant Chief Poovey as an expression of high regard 10 by the Texas House of Representatives.

> Burkett Turner of Collin Button

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 486 was adopted by the House on March 5, 2015, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House