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H.R. No. 486

R E S O L U T I O N

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

4 WHEREAS, Born and raised in Rowlett, Don Poovey joined
5 Rowlett Fire Rescue as a volunteer firefighter in 1981 at the age of
6 18 and was the second career firefighter to be hired by the
7 department; he became a fire medic later that year, and he was
8 appointed a lieutenant in 1984; promoted to captain in 1991, he was
9 twice chosen to lead the department as interim fire chief, and he
10 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

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

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

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

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
5 Legislature hereby congratulate Don Allen Poovey on his retirement
6 as assistant fire chief of Rowlett Fire Rescue and extend to him
7 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.