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H.R. No. 1437

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Ross Wallace will be retiring as chief of the
2 Universal City Fire Department in January 2016, drawing to a close a
3 notable career as a first responder that has spanned more than four
4 decades; and

5 WHEREAS, After joining the department as a volunteer in 1974,
6 Chief Wallace became a full-time professional firefighter the
7 following year; he attended Texas A&M University's firefighter
8 training school in 1975 and the Alamo Area Regional Law Enforcement
9 Academy at San Antonio College in 1980, and he holds an associate's
10 degree in fire science; he has led the Universal City Fire
11 Department as chief since April 1981; and

12 WHEREAS, Chief Wallace earned his certification as an
13 emergency medical technician from the Texas Department of State
14 Health Services in 1980, and he has been certified as a master arson
15 investigator and a master firefighter by the Texas Commission on
16 Fire Protection; he has served on the Combined Emergency Services
17 Organization board since 1979 and on the Protective Service Fire
18 Science Advisory Board for over 20 years; and

19 WHEREAS, Ross Wallace's dedication, professionalism, and
20 commitment to protecting the safety and welfare of the public have
21 greatly benefited the citizens of Universal City and earned him the
22 respect and admiration of his fellow firefighters, and he may
23 indeed reflect with pride on a career well spent as he prepares to
24 embark upon the next exciting chapter of his life; now, therefore,

1 be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
3 Legislature hereby commend Chief Ross Wallace for his years of
4 outstanding service to the Universal City Fire Department and
5 extend to him sincere best wishes for continued success and
6 happiness; and, be it further

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