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H.R. No. 1438

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, John Hatzel will be retiring as assistant chief of
2 the Universal City Fire Department in December 2016, drawing to a
3 close a notable career as a first responder that has spanned four
4 and half decades; and

5 WHEREAS, Assistant Chief Hatzel joined the department as a
6 volunteer firefighter in 1970, and he became a full-time
7 professional firefighter two years later; in the decades since, he
8 has been a leader and innovator for the department, becoming one of
9 the first members of the department to earn certification as an
10 emergency medical technician; he also initiated the Knox Box
11 program, which provides firefighters with keys to local businesses
12 in the event of an emergency after hours, and developed a fire
13 prevention program for children that evolved into a stage
14 production with actors, clowns, and special effects; and

15 WHEREAS, This dedicated firefighter has received numerous
16 certifications from the Texas Commission on Fire Protection,
17 including fire service instructor and advanced firefighter, arson
18 investigator, and inspector; he has also been certified as a master
19 police officer by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement; and

20 WHEREAS, John Hatzel's dedication, professionalism, and
21 commitment to protecting the safety and welfare of the public have
22 greatly benefited the citizens of Universal City and earned him the
23 respect and admiration of his fellow firefighters, and he may
24 indeed reflect with pride on a career well spent as he prepares to

1 embark upon the next exciting chapter of his life; now, therefore,
2 be it

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

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