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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Shon Blake is retiring as chief of the Baytown Fire  
2 Department in August 2017, drawing to a close an outstanding career  
3 as a firefighter that has spanned more than four decades; and

4 WHEREAS, Chief Blake first joined the department in 1976, and  
5 over the course of his exemplary 41-year tenure, he steadily worked  
6 his way up through the ranks of the department, becoming a battalion  
7 chief in 1990 and assistant chief of operations in 2001; since his  
8 appointment as chief in October 2004, he has played a vital role in  
9 the growth of the department, spearheading efforts to improve  
10 training and expand emergency medical services; and

11 WHEREAS, A member of the National Fire Service Incident  
12 Management System Consortium, Chief Blake has contributed to the  
13 publication of six of the consortium's Model Procedures Guides; he  
14 is also a principal member of the National Fire Protection  
15 Association's Technical Committee on Occupational Safety and  
16 Health Standards, and he serves on the Texas Commission on Fire  
17 Protection Ad-Hoc Committee on Wellness and Fitness; and

18 WHEREAS, Chief Blake's dedication, professionalism, and  
19 commitment to protecting the lives and property of the public have  
20 greatly benefited the citizens of Baytown and earned him the  
21 respect and admiration of his fellow firefighters, and he may  
22 indeed reflect with pride on a career well spent as he embarks on  
23 the next exciting chapter of his life; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas

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1 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby congratulate Shon Blake on  
2 his retirement as chief of the Baytown Fire Department and extend to  
3 him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

4       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
5 prepared for Chief Blake as an expression of high regard by the  
6 Texas House of Representatives.