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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Captain Brad Chappell is retiring as an Internal
2 Affairs Unit investigator with the Texas Parks and Wildlife
3 Department in 2017, concluding more than three decades of service
4 to his fellow Texans; and

5 WHEREAS, After completing his training with the state game
6 warden academy in 1987, Mr. Chappell began his career with the
7 department in Sabine County, and in 1991 he transferred to Panola
8 County; he steadily rose through the ranks, earning promotion to
9 sergeant wildlife investigator in 2002 and later becoming one of
10 the first members of the Special Operations Unit; in 2013, he was
11 named a captain investigator with the Internal Affairs Unit; and

12 WHEREAS, Over the years, Captain Chappell has been
13 responsible for investigating a wide range of cases, from illegal
14 hunting and fishing to capital murder, and he was one of the first
15 game wardens in the state to solve wildlife crimes with the
16 assistance of genome experts from Texas A&M University and the
17 department's forensics lab in San Marcos; moreover, he has promoted
18 the mission of TPWD through his involvement with school and outdoor
19 youth programs, civic organizations, and public broadcasting
20 stations; and

21 WHEREAS, One of the most decorated game wardens in state
22 history, Captain Chappell has earned well-deserved recognition
23 from such organizations as the Shikar Safari Club, the Association
24 of Midwest Fish and Game Law Enforcement Officers, and the

1 Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies; he is
2 supported in all his endeavors by his loving wife of 29 years,
3 Charmaine; and

4 WHEREAS, Throughout his distinguished tenure, Brad Chappell
5 has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to protecting natural
6 resources and ensuring the safety of the public, and his
7 exceptional record of service to the Lone Star State truly merits
8 special recognition; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
10 Legislature hereby congratulate Captain Brad Chappell on his
11 retirement from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and extend
12 to him sincere best wishes for continued happiness and fulfillment;
13 and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for Captain Chappell as an expression of high regard by the
16 Texas House of Representatives.