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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Captain Ralph Conner retired from Gainesville Fire Rescue in January 2019, after more than 37 years of exemplary service to the city; and

WHEREAS, Ralph Conner first joined the department on October 27, 1981, and worked at the East Side Fire Station while completing the fire academy at the Sherman Fire Department; initially a driver/apparatus operator, he rose through the ranks, receiving promotion to lieutenant in 1998 and captain in 2009; and

WHEREAS, In 1995, Captain Conner was named the Gainesville Fire Rescue Firefighter of the Year, and he received two Medals of Valor from the department, one for a high-angle rescue and another for the rescue of a victim trapped in an apartment fire; moreover, he helped train many younger colleagues who went on to enjoy successful careers as firefighters; and

WHEREAS, During his service with the department, Captain Conner earned a master fire certificate and credentials as a fire inspector and plans examiner; he also attended Collin College, where he graduated magna cum laude with an associate degree in fire protection technology; and

WHEREAS, Ralph Conner has demonstrated an exceptional commitment to protecting the lives and property of his fellow citizens, and he may indeed reflect with pride on a career well spent as he embarks on the next exciting chapter of his life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas Legislature hereby congratulate Captain Ralph Conner on his retirement from Gainesville Fire Rescue and extend to him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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