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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Wally Cox received well-deserved recognition for his exemplary service as chief of Gainesville Fire-Rescue when his name was added to the city's firefighter memorial at a ceremony on September 11, 2018; and

WHEREAS, During the event, bricks commemorating the contributions of Mr. Cox and three other former Gainesville first responders were officially placed in the monument; in addition to acknowledging the dedicated individuals who have served with the department, both the memorial and the ceremony pay tribute to all those who lost their lives during the 9/11 terrorist attacks; and

WHEREAS, Past fire chief Wally Cox has been part of Gainesville Fire-Rescue for a total of 41 years, first as a volunteer and later as a career firefighter; in retirement, he has remained involved in the department, researching and documenting its history for future generations; and

WHEREAS, Wally Cox's courage, commitment, and professionalism greatly benefited the people of Gainesville, and he may take justifiable pride in his receipt of this heartfelt honor from his community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas Legislature hereby congratulate Wally Cox on the addition of his name to the Gainesville firefighter memorial 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 Mr. Cox as an expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.