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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Carlos Torres retired from the Corpus Christi Fire Department in November 2017, drawing to a close a notable career as a first responder that spanned more than three and a half decades; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Torres joined the Laredo Fire Department in December 1980, and over the next few years, he earned certification as an emergency care attendant, emergency medical technician, and paramedic; in December 1985, he became a member of the Corpus Christi Fire Department, where he served with distinction as a firefighter and paramedic for 32 years; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan has also advocated tirelessly for his fellow firefighters as a member of the International Association of Fire Fighters; shortly after joining the IAFF, he was chosen by acclamation as union reporter for the executive board of Local No. 936, and he went on to win election as second and first vice president; from 2000 to 2015, he served eight consecutive terms as president, holding that position longer than anyone else in the local's history; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Torres has also been actively involved in the Texas State Association of Fire Fighters and the Coastal Bend Labor Council; between 2007 and 2015, he served as District No. 3 vice president on the TSAFF executive board, helping to oversee more than 30 firefighter unions in Central and South Texas and attending memorial services for members; and

WHEREAS, Carlos Torres's dedication, professionalism, and commitment to service have greatly benefited the people of Corpus Christi and earned him the respect and admiration of firefighters across the state, and he may indeed reflect with pride on a career well spent; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas Legislature hereby congratulate Carlos Torres on his retirement from the Corpus Christi Fire Department and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued happiness; and, be it further

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