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H.R. No. 107

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Kenny Byrd retired as deputy chief of the Henderson
2 Police Department on January 9, 2019, drawing to a close an
3 outstanding tenure with the department that spanned more than 23
4 years; and

5 WHEREAS, A graduate of Whitehouse High School, Chief Byrd
6 joined the U.S. Navy in 1981; over the next decade, he held the
7 positions of gunner's mate technician and naval station patrolman,
8 and he later continued his military service as a staff sergeant with
9 the navy reserve; after graduating from the police academy, he
10 became a correctional officer with the Texas Department of Criminal
11 Justice Ferguson Unit in Midway before being transferred to the
12 Coffield Unit in Tennessee Colony; and

13 WHEREAS, Chief Byrd started working the night shift with the
14 Henderson PD in May 1995, and in the ensuing years, he rose through
15 the ranks, earning promotion to field training officer and relief
16 supervisor, patrol sergeant, patrol lieutenant, patrol captain,
17 and eventually deputy chief; moreover, he served as coordinator of
18 the Citizen Police Academy for 10 years and as interim police chief
19 in 2017; and

20 WHEREAS, This esteemed law enforcement officer also attended
21 the Leadership Command College at Sam Houston State University and
22 completed more than 2,700 hours of training through the Texas
23 Commission on Law Enforcement; in retirement, he plans to keep busy
24 as an adjunct professor with the East Texas Police Academy; and

1 WHEREAS, Kenny Byrd has dedicated himself to the safety and
2 well-being of his fellow citizens, and he may indeed reflect with
3 pride on a career well spent as he embarks on the next exciting
4 chapter of his life; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
6 Legislature hereby congratulate Kenny Byrd on his retirement as
7 deputy chief of the Henderson Police Department and extend to him
8 sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

9 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
10 prepared for Chief Byrd as an expression of high regard by the Texas
11 House of Representatives.