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R E S O L U T I O N

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

4           WHEREAS, Ralph Conner first joined the department on October  
5 27, 1981, and worked at the East Side Fire Station while completing  
6 the fire academy at the Sherman Fire Department; initially a  
7 driver/apparatus operator, he rose through the ranks, receiving  
8 promotion to lieutenant in 1998 and captain in 2009; and

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

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

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

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

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