

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Chief Coleman Benner celebrated 65 years of  
2 dedicated service with the Holland Volunteer Fire Department in  
3 2018; and

4           WHEREAS, Coleman Benner joined the department in 1953, when  
5 it was housed in a small station on Austin Street; he was elected  
6 chief in 1970, and from the start, he worked to upgrade the  
7 department's equipment to keep pace with the many advancements in  
8 firefighting technology and to better meet the needs of the  
9 community; and

10           WHEREAS, In 1977, Chief Benner helped secure a loan to build  
11 the department's current station, which was renamed in his honor in  
12 2003, on the occasion of his 50th anniversary with HVFD; he has  
13 consistently won reelection as chief by his colleagues, and today  
14 he oversees and manages a department of 18 volunteers; and

15           WHEREAS, In addition to his long tenure with the fire  
16 department, Chief Benner worked for a seed company for more than two  
17 decades and then served for 22 years as a Bell County constable; in  
18 all his endeavors, he has enjoyed the love and support of his wife,  
19 Virginia; and

20           WHEREAS, For six and a half decades, Coleman Benner has  
21 demonstrated an exceptional commitment to protecting the lives and  
22 property of the public, and in so doing, he has earned the lasting  
23 respect and admiration of his fellow firefighters and the community  
24 at large; now, therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
2 Legislature hereby commend Chief Coleman Benner on his 65 years of  
3 service with the Holland Volunteer Fire Department and extend to  
4 him sincere best wishes for continued success in his important  
5 work; and, be it further

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

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H.R. No. 297

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 297 was adopted by the House on  
February 19, 2019, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House