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H.R. No. 297

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.