

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Carlos Torres retired from the Corpus Christi Fire
2 Department in November 2017, drawing to a close a notable career as
3 a first responder that spanned more than three and a half decades;
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5 WHEREAS, Mr. Torres joined the Laredo Fire Department in
6 December 1980, and over the next few years, he earned certification
7 as an emergency care attendant, emergency medical technician, and
8 paramedic; in December 1985, he became a member of the Corpus
9 Christi Fire Department, where he served with distinction as a
10 firefighter and paramedic for 32 years; and

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

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

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

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

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

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H.R. No. 334

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 334 was adopted by the House on March 13, 2019, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House