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H.R. No. 334

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.