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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, After more than three decades of exemplary service
2 in law enforcement, Jay Burch is retiring as chief of the Denison
3 Police Department at the end of February 2019; and

4 WHEREAS, Chief Burch holds a Bachelor's degree in Criminal
5 Justice from Dallas Baptist University and a Master's degree in
6 Criminal Justice Administration from Sam Houston State University,
7 as well as certifications as a Master Peace Officer, a police
8 instructor, and a Certified Public Manager; he began his career as a
9 deputy with the Dallas County Sheriff's Department in 1987 before
10 going on to spend 11 years on the force in DeSoto; and

11 WHEREAS, This respected leader has held police chief
12 positions for 18 years of his career, including tenures in
13 Gatesville from 2000 to 2004 and in Mount Pleasant from 2005 to
14 2011; under his direction, Mount Pleasant became one of the first
15 departments in the state to be credentialed by the Texas Police
16 Chiefs Association as part of its Best Practices Recognition
17 Program; and

18 WHEREAS, Chief Burch took the reins of the Denison Police
19 Department in December 2011, and his major accomplishments have
20 included overseeing the renovation of the police department and the
21 consolidation of police and fire dispatch into the police
22 headquarters; in 2018, he again had the honor of seeing his
23 department cited by the Best Practices Recognition Program, giving
24 him the distinction of being the only Texas police chief to guide

1 two agencies to that status; and

2 WHEREAS, In retirement, Chief Burch plans to continue
3 teaching, training, and working on organizational assessments
4 while also spending more time with his treasured family; and

5 WHEREAS, Greatly admired by his colleagues for his skilled
6 leadership, professionalism, and commitment to excellence, Jay
7 Burch may indeed take great pride in all that he has done to protect
8 and serve his fellow Texans as he embarks on the next exciting
9 chapter of his life; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
11 Legislature hereby honor Denison Police Chief Jay Burch on his
12 retirement and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued
13 happiness and fulfillment; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for Chief Burch as an expression of high regard by the
16 Texas House of Representatives.