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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Chief Rick Townsend concluded his tenure with the
2 Forney Fire Department on April 10, 2020, following more than four
3 decades of outstanding service to the agency; and

4 WHEREAS, This esteemed first responder began his career with
5 what was then the Forney Volunteer Fire Department on April 10,
6 1976; he continued to serve the VFD in a number of roles even after
7 joining the Garland Fire Department two years later, and he retired
8 from his job as a firefighter in Garland in 2006 to assume the
9 position of Forney fire chief; and

10 WHEREAS, Over the course of his tenure with the Forney FD,
11 Chief Townsend saw the department transition from a volunteer
12 organization to a professional agency with dozens of full-time
13 employees at two fire stations; under his guidance, the department
14 developed partnerships with a number of other emergency response
15 organizations in the region, and he was instrumental in
16 establishing the annual "Toys for Forney Kids" drive; and

17 WHEREAS, Rick Townsend has demonstrated an exceptional
18 commitment to protecting the lives and property of his fellow
19 citizens, and he may indeed reflect with pride on his long record of
20 achievement; now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
22 Legislature hereby congratulate Rick Townsend on his retirement as
23 chief of the Forney Fire Department and extend to him sincere best
24 wishes for the future; and, be it further

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1 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
2 prepared for Chief Townsend as an expression of high regard by the
3 Texas House of Representatives.