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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Deputy Chief Jerry Bittner retired from The
2 Woodlands Fire Department on April 1, 2021, drawing to a close an
3 outstanding career with the department that spanned four decades;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, The longest serving employee of TWFD and The
6 Woodlands Township, Chief Bittner first joined the department as a
7 recruit in July 1981; rising steadily through the ranks, he earned
8 promotions to firefighter 3rd class, chauffeur, lieutenant, and
9 shift captain; in 1990, he was appointed captain of Support
10 Services, and since 1996, he has served as deputy chief, including
11 five months as acting chief; he is retiring as deputy chief of
12 training and EMS; and

13 WHEREAS, Over the course of his exemplary 40-year tenure with
14 the department, Chief Bittner helped design and manage the
15 construction of the department's headquarters and central fire
16 station as well as the Emergency Training Center and Stations 3, 4,
17 5, 6, 7, and 8; he also oversaw the renovation of Fire Station 2, and
18 from 1996 to 2017, he chaired the apparatus committee and was
19 responsible for managing the acquisition of the department's
20 current fleet of vehicles; and

21 WHEREAS, One of Chief Bittner's most significant
22 achievements was the consolidation of a patchwork of fire dispatch
23 systems into one system managed by The Woodlands Fire Department;
24 the new cohesive system allows for close cooperation with 12

1 Montgomery County fire departments and the Montgomery County
2 Hospital District, ensuring residents of The Woodlands a rapid
3 response and a state-of-the-art 9-1-1 system; and

4 WHEREAS, Chief Bittner's dedication, encyclopedic knowledge
5 of the department, and commitment to excellence have greatly
6 benefited the citizens of The Woodlands and earned him the respect
7 and admiration of his fellow firefighters, and he may indeed
8 reflect with pride on a career well spent as he embarks on the next
9 exciting chapter of his life; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
11 Legislature hereby congratulate Deputy Chief Jerry Bittner on his
12 retirement from The Woodlands Fire Department and extend to him
13 sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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