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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Ruben Perez is retiring as Fire Chief of Naval Air
2 Station Corpus Christi on May 31, 2021, drawing to a close a
3 distinguished career as a firefighter that has spanned more than
4 three decades; and

5 WHEREAS, A native of Ozona, Ruben Perez served in the U.S.
6 Navy from 1983 to 1989, and shortly after his discharge at the rank
7 of Petty Officer Third Class, he joined the Department of Defense
8 Fire and Emergency Services at NAS Corpus Christi; in 1990, he
9 transferred to the Naval Station Ingleside Fire and Emergency
10 Services Department, where he served as Firefighter, Engineer,
11 Captain, and Assistant Chief; in 1996, he graduated cum laude from
12 Del Mar College with an associate's degree in fire science; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Perez became Fire Chief at NAS Kingsville in
14 2001, and in 2004, he simultaneously took on the position of Fire
15 Chief at NAS Corpus Christi; by 2005, he was the Fire Chief for
16 three installations, NAS Corpus Christi, NAS Kingsville, and NS
17 Ingleside, managing seven district areas staffed by 16 engine
18 companies; under his leadership, NS Ingleside was named Department
19 of the Navy Small Fire Department of the Year and NAS Corpus Christi
20 was named CNRSE Large Fire Department of the Year; and

21 WHEREAS, During this time, Chief Perez also oversaw 60
22 firefighters in the response to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita,
23 implemented civil service upgrades of more than a hundred
24 firefighters, helped develop the Mobile Aircraft Firefighting

1 Training Device Program, and assisted the Secret Service in
2 conjunction with visits by Vice President Dick Cheney and President
3 George H. W. Bush, among many other achievements; and

4 WHEREAS, After the merger of Navy Region Southeast, Chief
5 Perez resumed service as Fire Chief of NAS Kingsville, which was
6 named Navy Medium Category Fire Department of the Year in 2009, and
7 since October 2017, he has been the Fire Chief of NAS Corpus
8 Christi; his many commendations and awards include the Good Conduct
9 Medal, two Civilian of the Year awards, Navy Fire Chief of the Year,
10 CNRSE Fire Chief of the Year, Senior Civilian of the Year, and the
11 Navy Civilian Meritorious Award; in his private life, he is active
12 with his church, the Knights of Columbus, and youth football and
13 baseball leagues, and in all his endeavors, he benefits from the
14 love and support of his children, Brandon, Brianna, and Blake; and

15 WHEREAS, Ruben Perez has demonstrated an exceptional
16 commitment to protecting the lives and property of his fellow
17 citizens, and he may reflect with pride on a career well spent; now,
18 therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
20 Legislature hereby congratulate Chief Ruben Perez on his retirement
21 from Naval Air Station Corpus Christi and extend to him sincere best
22 wishes for the future; and, be it further

23 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
24 prepared for Chief Perez as an expression of high regard by the
25 Texas House of Representatives.