

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 330

WHEREAS, Chief Michael R. Pool is retiring from the Mineral Wells Fire/EMS Department on May 1, 2021, drawing to a close an exceptional career as a firefighter that has spanned four and a half decades; and

WHEREAS, In 1976, Mike Pool joined the Haltom City Fire Department as a volunteer; after becoming a full-time firefighter and completing his training at the Arlington Fire Department Training Academy, he distinguished himself in a variety of positions with the department, working in fire operations, emergency medical services, fire prevention, rescue, and training before retiring from the Haltom City FD in 2012; and

WHEREAS, Since 2013, this esteemed first responder has served as chief of the Mineral Wells Fire/EMS Department, and under his leadership, the agency has grown and improved, benefiting from Chief Pool's emphasis on professionalism, training, and preparedness; he has led efforts to increase staffing and start a rescue program, and during his exemplary seven-year tenure, the department has acquired more than \$1.7 million in grant funds; and

WHEREAS, Chief Pool's certifications through the Texas Commission on Fire Protection include head of department for fire suppression and fire prevention, advanced firefighter, advanced fire inspector, intermediate fire investigator, and emergency medical technician, among others; he has also been licensed by the Texas Department of Insurance as a fire alarm technician and for fire protection-fixed systems; and

WHEREAS, Mike Pool's dedication, experience, and commitment to protecting the lives and property of the public have greatly benefited the citizens of Mineral Wells and earned him the respect and admiration of his fellow firefighters, and he may indeed reflect with pride on a career well spent as he embarks on the next exciting chapter of his life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 87th Legislature, hereby congratulate Michael R. Pool on his retirement as chief of the Mineral Wells Fire/EMS Department and extend to him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for Chief Pool as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 28, 2021.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate