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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Frank B. Patterson III is retiring as emergency
2 management coordinator for the City of Waco and McLennan County in
3 March 2019, drawing to a close nearly two decades of outstanding
4 service to the region; and

5 WHEREAS, Since joining the Waco-McLennan County Office of
6 Emergency Management in July 1999, Mr. Patterson has led the city
7 and county through six presidential-declared and three
8 state-declared disasters, including wildfires, tornadoes, and
9 floods; in the aftermath of the fertilizer plant explosion in West
10 in 2013, he served more than six months as incident commander,
11 helping guide the community through its long-term recovery, and he
12 has been invited to speak at nearly 100 emergency management and
13 first responder conferences about the lessons learned in West; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Patterson has also developed the initial
15 standard operating procedures for the City of Waco's CBRNE
16 (chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and explosive)
17 response team, modernized the emergency communications systems,
18 helped design the new Emergency Operations Center, and overseen the
19 launch of the Fire Corps program and the Community Emergency
20 Response Team; he has served five terms as president of the McLennan
21 County Fire Protection Association and 15 years as chair of the
22 Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee for the Heart of Texas
23 Council of Governments; and

24 WHEREAS, A graduate of Lamar University, Mr. Patterson began

1 his career in 1985, and before taking over emergency management in
2 Waco, he worked as a firefighter in Pharr and Edinburg, as a safety
3 and health supervisor in Beaumont and Houston, and as fire training
4 instructor at Lamar University; in 1997, he was the founding
5 coordinator of the Fire Protection Technology Program at McLennan
6 Community College, and he is leaving his current position to take up
7 the newly created position of emergency manager at MCC; and

8 WHEREAS, Over the course of nearly three and a half decades,
9 this veteran first responder has become a nationally recognized
10 leader in emergency response and management, and he may indeed
11 reflect with pride on his career so far as he takes on the
12 challenges and opportunities of his new position; now, therefore,
13 be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
15 Legislature hereby congratulate Frank Patterson on his retirement
16 from the Waco-McLennan County Office of Emergency Management and
17 extend to him sincere best wishes for continued success in his
18 important work; and, be it further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
20 prepared for Mr. Patterson as an expression of high regard by the
21 Texas House of Representatives.