

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud members of the Justices of the Peace and
2 Constables Association of Texas are gathering in Austin on
3 February 7, 2023, for Justices of the Peace and Constables Day at
4 the State Capitol; and

5 WHEREAS, The office of justice of the peace, first
6 established in 1362 by King Edward of England, and the office of
7 constable, first established in 1215 by King John of England, were
8 two of the first offices established in the American colonies in
9 1620; both offices were created by the Texas Constitution
10 approximately two centuries later and continue to serve a vital
11 role in the system of county government; and

12 WHEREAS, Justices of the peace are an integral part of the
13 Texas judiciary; they exercise jurisdiction in criminal
14 misdemeanor cases punishable by fine or sanctions and exercise
15 civil jurisdiction in matters in controversy up to \$20,000;
16 justices of the peace preside over those courts closest to the
17 people; and

18 WHEREAS, Constables serve as officers of the court as
19 bailiffs, execute civil and criminal process issued by Texas
20 courts, and enforce criminal laws as certified peace officers; the
21 first known constable to serve in Texas was appointed in 1823; and

22 WHEREAS, The men and women who accept the responsibilities of
23 the offices of justice of the peace and constable perform their
24 official duties with integrity, dedication, and the required

1 knowledge of the law, thereby contributing immeasurably to the
2 justice system, the safety of the citizens of Texas, and the peace
3 and order of our society; and

4 WHEREAS, For more than 75 years, the Justices of the Peace and
5 Constables Association of Texas has represented the interests of
6 justices of the peace, constables, and members of their staffs
7 across the Lone Star State, and today the organization boasts a
8 membership of over 2,000; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
10 Legislature hereby recognize February 7, 2023, as Justices of the
11 Peace and Constables Day at the State Capitol; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
13 prepared for the association as an expression of high regard by the
14 Texas House of Representatives.

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Phelan	Guerra	Murr
Allen	Guillen	Neave Criado
Allison	Harless	Noble
Anchía	Harris of Anderson	Oliverson
Anderson	Harris of Williamson	Ordaz
Ashby	Harrison	Orr
Bailes	Hayes	Ortega
Bell of Kaufman	Hefner	Patterson
Bell of Montgomery	Hernandez	Paul
Bernal	Herrero	Perez
Bhojani	Hinojosa	Plesa
Bonnen	Holland	Price
Bowers	Howard	Ramos
Bryant	Hull	Raney
Buckley	Hunter	Raymond
Bucy	Isaac	Reynolds
Bumgarner	Jetton	Rogers
Burns	Johnson of Dallas	Romero, Jr.
Burrows	A. Johnson of Harris	Rose
Button	J. Johnson of Harris	Rosenthal
Cain	Jones of Dallas	Schaefer
Campos	Jones of Harris	Schatzline
Canales	Kacal	Schofield
Capriglione	King of Hemphill	Shaheen
Clardy	King of Uvalde	Sherman, Sr.
Cole	Kitzman	Shine
Collier	Klick	Slaton
Cook	Kuempel	Slawson
Cortez	Lalani	Smith
Craddick	Lambert	Smithee
Cunningham	Landgraf	Spiller
Darby	Leach	Stucky
Davis	Leo-Wilson	Swanson
Dean	Longoria	Talarico
DeAyala	Lopez of Bexar	Tepper
Dorazio	Lopez of Cameron	Thierry
Dutton	Lozano	Thimesch
Flores	Lujan	Thompson of Brazoria
Frank	Manuel	Thompson of Harris
Frazier	Martinez	Tinderholt
Gamez	Martinez Fischer	Toth
Garcia	Metcalf	Troxclair
Gates	Meyer	Turner
Gerdes	Meza	VanDeaver
Geren	Moody	Vasut
Gervin-Hawkins	Morales of Harris	Vo
Goldman	Morales of Maverick	Walle
González of Dallas	Morales Shaw	Wilson
González of El Paso	Morrison	Wu
Goodwin	Muñoz, Jr.	Zwiener

H.R. No. 103

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 103 was adopted by the House on February 7, 2023, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House