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H.R. No. 305

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Members of the Sheriffs' Association of Texas are  
2 gathering in Austin on February 22, 2023, to participate in  
3 Sheriffs' Association of Texas Day at the State Capitol; and

4           WHEREAS, The office of sheriff is one of the oldest in the  
5 history of law enforcement; the Texas Constitution created the  
6 office in each county of the state, and legislation requires that a  
7 sheriff conserve peace and enforce the criminal laws of the state;  
8 moreover, the sheriff is responsible for the county jail, bail  
9 bonds, civil process, and the security of the courts, and in some  
10 smaller counties, the sheriff may also act as the tax collector; and

11           WHEREAS, The first meeting of the Sheriffs' Association of  
12 Texas took place on August 14, 1874, making this group one of the  
13 oldest law enforcement organizations in the nation; association  
14 members adopted their preamble calling for sheriffs to assist one  
15 another in the execution of laws, in the discharge of their duties  
16 against criminals, and in the protection of the citizens in their  
17 respective counties and throughout the state; the group has  
18 continued to follow the dictates of this mission to this day; and

19           WHEREAS, Sheriffs in our state's 254 counties are elected to  
20 four-year terms, and each sheriff is a member of the Sheriffs'  
21 Association of Texas; in addition, associate membership in the  
22 organization is open to citizens who share an interest in assisting  
23 law enforcement officials and supporting crime prevention and  
24 policing efforts; and

1           WHEREAS, The men and women of the Sheriffs' Association of  
2 Texas are helping to make the Lone Star State an even safer place,  
3 and their work benefits countless people each day; now, therefore,  
4 be it

5           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas  
6 Legislature hereby recognize February 22, 2023, as Sheriffs'  
7 Association of Texas Day at the State Capitol and commend the  
8 members of the organization for their many contributions to their  
9 communities; and, be it further

10          RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
11 prepared for the Sheriffs' Association of Texas as an expression of  
12 high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.