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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Parker County Sheriff's Posse is celebrating the
2 75th anniversary of its founding in 2023; and

3 WHEREAS, Established in Weatherford in 1947, the posse
4 adopted a charter outlining such goals as preserving traditions of
5 the Old West, promoting good sportsmanship, good horsemanship, and
6 civic engagement, and assisting the county sheriff; membership
7 quickly grew from 20 to 60, and the group held its first parade on
8 opening day of the 1947 Fort Worth Fat Stock Show; in addition, the
9 posse participated in several rodeos that year; it purchased 37
10 acres of land, and riders with stout lariats cleared away post oak,
11 mesquite, and an abandoned peach orchard; the clubhouse was
12 completed the following year, and the site has served as
13 headquarters ever since; and

14 WHEREAS, The posse formed an early affiliation with the
15 National Cutting Horse Association; after building an arena, which
16 would host the Frontier Days Rodeo and the area's first FFA Junior
17 Rodeo, PCSP continued to expand and improve its facilities; the
18 organization launched its annual trail ride to Mineral Wells in
19 1961; over the years, the posse participated in events across the
20 state and beyond, including the Battle of Flowers Parade in
21 San Antonio, the Texas State Fair in Dallas, the State Fair of
22 Louisiana in Shreveport, and the inaugural parade for Governor Mark
23 White; members brought home numerous trophies, among them three
24 first-place wins during the 50th anniversary year; and

1 WHEREAS, In 2006, the posse's Ranch Rodeo proved a tremendous
2 success, and it became an annual event; the next decade brought
3 invitations to the prestigious Frontier Days parade in Cheyenne,
4 Wyoming, where PCSP twice won the Outstanding Mounted Riding Group
5 award; as its activities have expanded in recent years, it has also
6 benefited a number of worthy causes, showing support for the
7 families of fallen officers, wounded warriors, and children in
8 need, as well as the Parker County Livestock Improvement
9 Association; and

10 WHEREAS, Over the course of its long history, the Parker
11 County Sheriff's Posse has brought the community together for a
12 host of memorable events and proudly represented Western heritage
13 in venues far and wide, and its continued existence is a tribute to
14 the great dedication of its members, past and present; now,
15 therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
17 Legislature hereby congratulate the Parker County Sheriff's Posse
18 on its 75th anniversary and extend to the members sincere best
19 wishes for the future; and, be it further

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