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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Former Harris County Sheriff and Precinct 4  
2 Constable Ron Hickman is being presented with the inaugural Living  
3 Legend Award from the Justices of the Peace and Constables  
4 Association of Texas on June 15, 2023, in Cypress; and

5           WHEREAS, Ron Hickman embarked on his career in law  
6 enforcement with the Houston Police Department in 1971, and he  
7 served as an accident investigator, patrol officer, underwater  
8 search and recovery officer, and bomb squad technician; he  
9 eventually joined the planning and research division, where he  
10 helped build computer systems to aid law enforcement operations;  
11 and

12           WHEREAS, In 1983, Mr. Hickman became a member of the Harris  
13 County Precinct 4 Constable's Office, quickly rising to the rank of  
14 sergeant; in 2000, he was elected as the Precinct 4 constable, and  
15 he was reelected four times, holding that title until 2015; he  
16 worked with constables across the state to enhance qualifications  
17 and standards for the job, and he served on the Constable's  
18 Legislative Committee; and

19           WHEREAS, In May 2015, Mr. Hickman was appointed sheriff of  
20 Harris County; during his 18-month tenure, he launched a program to  
21 train officers in de-escalation techniques, created a citizen  
22 review board, and helped develop protocols for identifying and  
23 treating mental illness within the Harris County Jail inmate  
24 population; and

1           WHEREAS, Mr. Hickman has been honored as the Texas Constable  
2 of the Year by the Justices of the Peace and Constables Association  
3 of Texas and has twice been recognized as Constable of the Year by  
4 the National Constables and Marshals Association; he also received  
5 the John Pickelman Leadership North Houston Fellow Award;  
6 throughout his career, he tirelessly worked to improve law  
7 enforcement standards through technology computerization,  
8 communication, and automation; he is a graduate of the University  
9 of Alabama, the Bill Blackwood Law Enforcement Management Institute  
10 of Texas, and the FBI National Academy; in all his endeavors,  
11 Mr. Hickman enjoys the love and support of his wife, Connie; and

12           WHEREAS, Over the course of his distinguished 45-year career  
13 in law enforcement, Ron Hickman demonstrated outstanding  
14 leadership and an exceptional commitment to upholding the highest  
15 standards of his profession, and he may indeed take pride in his  
16 receipt of this prestigious accolade; now, therefore, be it

17           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas  
18 Legislature hereby congratulate Ron Hickman on receiving the 2023  
19 Living Legend Award from the Justices of the Peace and Constables  
20 Association of Texas and extend to him sincere appreciation for his  
21 many years of service to his fellow Texans; and, be it further

22           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
23 prepared for Mr. Hickman as an expression of high regard by the  
24 Texas House of Representatives.