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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Jimmy Perdue is retiring as chief of police and
2 director of public safety for the City of North Richland Hills in
3 May 2023, concluding an exemplary career in public service that has
4 spanned more than four decades; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Perdue joined the Irving Police Department in
6 1982, and in the ensuing years, he advanced through the ranks to
7 become the department's assistant police chief; in July 2005, he
8 was appointed as chief of police for North Richland Hills, and after
9 three years, he was named the city's director of public safety, with
10 responsibility for overseeing its police and fire departments,
11 facilities, and fleet; and

12 WHEREAS, During Chief Perdue's tenure, the North Richland
13 Hills Police Department first attained Recognized status from the
14 Texas Police Chiefs Association Foundation's Best Practices
15 Recognition Program in 2011, and it has continuously maintained
16 that status for over a decade; during 2011, Chief Perdue also
17 implemented a shared services agreement with the neighboring
18 communities of Haltom City, Richland Hills, and Watauga for
19 dispatching and jail services, which has saved each city hundreds
20 of thousands of dollars annually in operational costs; and

21 WHEREAS, Chief Perdue has gone above and beyond to develop
22 programs and initiatives that have greatly enhanced public safety
23 in the community; these have included the Volunteers in Public
24 Service program, which allows trained citizen volunteers to assist

1 police with non-enforcement duties, and the SHIELD program, which
2 encourages department employees to focus on Service, Honor,
3 Integrity, Ethics, and De-escalation; in 2013, Chief Perdue
4 initiated the establishment of the Women of Law Enforcement
5 Conference, which has since grown from 110 to more than 500
6 attendees; and

7 WHEREAS, A graduate of the FBI National Academy, Chief Perdue
8 holds a bachelor's degree from Dallas Baptist University and a
9 master's degree in criminal justice from the University of North
10 Texas; in 2022, he was elected as president of the Texas Police
11 Chiefs Association, and he previously served as president of the
12 North Texas Police Chiefs Association; and

13 WHEREAS, Chief Jimmy Perdue has greatly benefited the
14 citizens of North Richland Hills through his leadership, vision,
15 and deep commitment to public safety, and he may indeed reflect with
16 pride on a career well spent as he embarks on the next exciting
17 chapter of his life; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
19 Legislature hereby congratulate Jimmy Perdue on his retirement as
20 chief of police and director of public safety for the City of North
21 Richland Hills and extend to him sincere best wishes for the future;
22 and, be it further

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