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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Texas House of Representatives is pleased to
2 recognize the officers and staff of Region VII of the Texas
3 Department of Public Safety for their commitment to protecting and
4 serving the legislators and state employees of the Capitol Complex
5 in Austin; and

6 WHEREAS, Since September 1991, the men and women of Region
7 VII have been responsible for the security of the 46 square-block
8 area around the State Capitol that encompasses many state
9 government facilities; supervised by the regional commander, the
10 region's staff includes commissioned and noncommissioned personnel
11 who are divided into details that cover the complex; and

12 WHEREAS, Their responsibilities include providing police and
13 security patrol of the Capitol grounds, traffic supervision and
14 enforcement, parking administration, protection for visiting
15 dignitaries, monitoring surveillance cameras, and staffing the
16 x-ray machines and metal detectors at the Capitol's entrances; in
17 addition, the region's skilled and dedicated personnel also
18 investigate crimes, conduct vulnerability assessments to mitigate
19 risk, and deal with crowd control during rallies and demonstrations
20 on the Capitol grounds; and

21 WHEREAS, Those deserving of special recognition for their
22 hard work and professionalism include Regional Director Scotty
23 Shiver, Major Chris Jones, Major Gabe Ortiz, Captain Tim Caradine,
24 Captain Tony Rodriguez, Captain Ralph Ohland, Lieutenant Craig

1 Henry, Lieutenant Billy Shelton, and Security Operations Manager
2 Kari Raesz; and

3 WHEREAS, For more than three decades, the officers of Region
4 VII of the DPS have worked tirelessly to maintain law, order, and
5 civility in the Capitol Complex, allowing the state's legislators
6 and employees to safely and securely conduct the people's business;
7 now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
9 Legislature hereby commend Region VII of the Texas Department of
10 Public Safety for its outstanding record of protecting the Capitol
11 Complex in Austin and extend to the region's officers and civilian
12 staff sincere best wishes for continued success in their important
13 work; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for Region VII as an expression of gratitude and high
16 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.