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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Kevin Kolbye retired as assistant police chief of
2 the Arlington Police Department in 2022, following a noteworthy
3 career spanning nearly four decades in law enforcement; and

4 WHEREAS, In 1983, Mr. Kolbye was hired by the Dallas Police
5 Department, and four years later, he joined the Federal Bureau of
6 Investigation; he was named assistant special agent in charge of
7 the Dallas Field Office in 2007; during his tenure, he led the FBI
8 SWAT Team, participated in covert operations, and oversaw the
9 Criminal and National Security Branch; he received a temporary
10 assignment as the on-scene commander in Afghanistan in 2009 and
11 oversaw all investigation and intelligence activities in the course
12 of Operation Enduring Freedom; in 2013, he was selected by the FBI's
13 deputy director as the commander for the Benghazi investigation in
14 Libya; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Kolbye joined the Arlington Police Department
16 in 2015, initially presiding over patrol operations; as assistant
17 police chief over the support operations bureau, he guided
18 investigative units in homicide, narcotics, traffic units, and
19 other specialized sections; admired as a dynamic role model and
20 caring mentor, he was called upon to co-lead the department upon the
21 retirement of Police Chief Will Johnson in 2020 and then served as
22 interim chief; following his own retirement in 2022, Mr. Kolbye has
23 continued to work to make Texas communities safer; he has provided
24 invaluable assistance as a champion of HB 2129, legislation

1 allowing merchants to offer theft education to a person suspected
2 of committing or attempting to commit theft; in recognition of his
3 outstanding effort, the law is to be known as the Kevin Kolbye Act;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, A graduate of Texas Tech University, Mr. Kolbye
6 earned his bachelor's degree in accounting and went on to complete a
7 master's degree in criminal justice at Tarleton State University;
8 he has also furthered his education at the FBI's Executive
9 Leadership Institute, the Northwestern University Kellogg School
10 of Management-Navigating Strategic Change, and the Senior
11 Management Institute for Police at Boston University, and he
12 graduated from the FBI National Executive Institute in 2019; and

13 WHEREAS, Kevin Kolbye has demonstrated an unwavering
14 commitment to the safety and well-being of his fellow citizens, and
15 he set a standard of excellence to which all law enforcement
16 professionals may aspire; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
18 Legislature hereby honor retired Arlington assistant police chief
19 Kevin Kolbye for his exemplary contributions to law enforcement and
20 commend him for his instrumental role in the passage of HB 2129;
21 and, be it further

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