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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Members of the Sheriffs' Association of Texas are
2 gathering in Austin on February 22, 2023, to participate in
3 Sheriffs' Association of Texas Day at the State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, The Texas Constitution created the office of sheriff
5 in each county of the state; legislation requires that a sheriff
6 conserve peace and enforce the criminal laws of the state;
7 moreover, the sheriff is responsible for the county jail, bail
8 bonds, civil process, and the security of the courts; in some
9 smaller counties, the sheriff may also act as the tax collector; and

10 WHEREAS, The first meeting of this esteemed association took
11 place on August 14, 1874, making this group one of the oldest law
12 enforcement organizations in the nation; association members
13 adopted their preamble calling for sheriffs to assist one another
14 in the execution of laws, in the discharge of their duties against
15 criminals, and in the protection of the citizens in their
16 respective counties and throughout the state; through the years,
17 the association has continued to follow the dictates of this
18 mission; and

19 WHEREAS, Sheriffs in our state's 254 counties are elected to
20 four-year terms, and each sheriff is a member of the Sheriffs'
21 Association of Texas; in addition, more than 2,500 individuals are
22 active members of the group, and over 50,000 others are honorary
23 members; and

24 WHEREAS, The men and women of the Sheriffs' Association of

1 Texas are helping to make the Lone Star State an even safer place,
2 and their work benefits countless people each day; now, therefore,
3 be it

4 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 88th Texas Legislature
5 hereby recognize February 22, 2023, as Sheriffs' Association of
6 Texas Day at the State Capitol and commend the members of the
7 organization for their many contributions to their communities;
8 and, be it further

9 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
10 prepared for the Sheriffs' Association of Texas as an expression of
11 high regard by the Texas Senate.