

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 486**

**WHEREAS,** The Senate of the State of Texas is proud to recognize the Laredo Police Department on the grand occasion of its 175th anniversary, a historic milestone that highlights the department's enduring commitment to the City of Laredo and its residents; and

**WHEREAS,** The Laredo Police Department is one of the oldest law enforcement agencies in the United States and is the eighth largest police department in Texas; the department has grown from a small cadre of peace officers to a professional agency comprising more than 700 employees, from sworn officers to civilian personnel, who are dedicated to community-oriented policing to protect and serve all Laredoans; and

**WHEREAS,** The department is recognized for its proactive initiatives to maintain strong, positive relationships with community members and for its numerous specialized units, including the traffic, canine, bike patrol, and park police units, all of which play critical roles in ensuring the safety and security of Laredo; and

**WHEREAS,** To honor the anniversary, the Laredo Police Department unveiled a commemorative badge and uniform patch designed to replicate the handcrafted badge worn by Laredo Police Chief Mike Brennan in 1927; the department has also collected other historical badges and biographies of past and fallen officers to display as powerful symbols of the valor, sacrifice, and dedication to duty that uphold the enduring legacy of the Laredo Police; and

**WHEREAS,** The 175th anniversary of the Laredo Police Department provides an opportunity to reflect on the distinguished

service that officers, leaders, and department employees have devoted to the people of Laredo over many generations and to recognize the continued contributions of today's officers and staff who play an essential role in preserving the safety and prosperity of Laredo; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 89th Legislature, hereby commend the Laredo Police Department on 175 years of outstanding service and extend to its leadership, officers, and staff sincere best wishes for continued success in the future; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the department as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 5, 2025.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate