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H.C.R. No. 28

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Sheriff Gary Painter of Midland, a highly respected
2 Texas peace officer, has dedicated more than three decades of his
3 life to enforcing the law and keeping the peace in the State of
4 Texas; and

5 WHEREAS, A native Texan, Sheriff Painter served his state and
6 country with honor in the United States Marine Corps; during two
7 tours of duty overseas, he distinguished himself on the battlefield
8 and was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam
9 Campaign Medal, the Presidential Unit Commendation, and the Vietnam
10 Cross of Gallantry; and

11 WHEREAS, One of the longest-tenured sheriffs in Texas,
12 Sheriff Painter is now completing his fifth term in office; over the
13 past 19 years he has made many improvements within the Midland
14 County sheriff's office, including introducing the state's first
15 color digital video imaging mug shot machine for law enforcement
16 use and first in-field computerized data retrieval system using
17 wireless, Internet, and GPS technologies; under his direction, that
18 office also became the first in West Texas to implement an automated
19 fingerprint identification system, a live-scan computerized
20 fingerprint scanning system, and digital radio to ensure secure
21 communications; and

22 WHEREAS, In addition to adopting cutting-edge technology,
23 Sheriff Painter organized the first multijurisdictional narcotics
24 task force and first crisis intervention unit in West Texas and

1 cofounded Sheriffs of Texas Agreed Response, which has become an
2 integral component of many communities' plans for counteracting
3 terrorism and attack by weapons of mass destruction; and

4 WHEREAS, A valued leader within the law enforcement
5 community, Sheriff Painter was instrumental in organizing the
6 Permian Basin Peace Officers Association and plays an active role
7 in the Sheriffs' Association of Texas; and

8 WHEREAS, He also gives generously of his time and talents to a
9 number of community organizations; currently president of the
10 Midland Downtown Lions Club, he is a Master Mason, a devout Baptist,
11 and a staunch Republican; and

12 WHEREAS, Sheriff Painter and his wife, Patsy, have been
13 happily married for 24 years and are the devoted parents of three
14 children, two of whom are currently serving in the United States Air
15 Force; and

16 WHEREAS, In recognition of his dynamic leadership and
17 unflagging dedication to the welfare of his community, the First
18 Annual Sheriff Gary Painter Roundup and Fish Fry is being held on
19 October 11, 2003; and

20 WHEREAS, Throughout the course of his exemplary career,
21 Sheriff Painter has set standards of excellence and professionalism
22 to which all in the field of law enforcement can aspire, and he is
23 indeed deserving of special legislative recognition at this time;
24 now, therefore, be it

25 RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas,
26 3rd Called Session, hereby honor Midland County Sheriff Gary
27 Painter for his outstanding record of service to his fellow Texans

1 and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued success and
2 happiness; and, be it further

3 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
4 prepared for Sheriff Painter as an expression of high regard by the
5 Texas House of Representatives and Senate.