

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 47

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Carlos Leon for his outstanding accomplishments as chief of police for the City of El Paso; and

WHEREAS, Chief Leon, a 29-year veteran policeman, has led the El Paso Police Department since 1999; as a tribute to his many achievements, he has recently been named the 2003-2004 Ysleta High School Outstanding Ex-Student; and

WHEREAS, Carlos Leon is a 1971 graduate of Ysleta High School; he majored in criminal justice at The University of Texas at El Paso, and he is a graduate of the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University; and

WHEREAS, In 1974, Mr. Leon joined the El Paso Police Department as a patrolman; over the years, he was promoted to positions with increasing authority; notably, he served as a detective, sergeant, lieutenant, commander, captain, and deputy chief; in 1997, he was named assistant chief of police, and in 1999, he was selected for the position of chief of police; and

WHEREAS, An exemplary leader, Chief Leon has ably guided the department; since he assumed the position of chief of police, the overall crime rate in the city has been reduced by 11 percent, state and federal grant funding has increased by \$20 million, and nationally recognized policing programs have been implemented; and

WHEREAS, Carlos Leon serves as a role model for youths and is a highly respected community leader; he is a criminal justice instructor at El Paso Community College and serves as a member of the executive board of D.A.R.E. America and as chairman of Project Change El Paso; for his many contributions to the community, he has been recognized with the Hidalgo Award, and he was the recipient of the 2001 Chief's Leadership Award from the National Latino Peace Officers Association; and

WHEREAS, He is a member of the Texas Police Chiefs Association, the Texas Police Association, and the International Association of Chiefs of Police; and

WHEREAS, Carlos Leon's many accomplishments reflect his commitment to excellence in the field of law enforcement and to the welfare of the residents of the City of El Paso; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby commend Police Chief Carlos Leon for his dedicated service to the

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City of El Paso and extend best wishes to him for his continued success; and, be it further

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

Shapleigh

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on September 23, 2003.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate