

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The Sheriffs' Association of Texas, one of the
2 nation's oldest law enforcement organizations, provides vital
3 support to law officers throughout the Lone Star State; and

4 WHEREAS, The sheriffs' association met for the first time on
5 August 14, 1874, in the Navarro County Courthouse in Corsicana; the
6 meeting was presided over by Sul Ross, the sheriff of McLennan
7 County, who would later become one of the Lone Star State's most
8 revered statesmen; and

9 WHEREAS, Formed for the purpose of aiding each other in order
10 to better protect the state's citizens, the association seeks to
11 ensure that each officer remains up-to-date on new procedures and
12 laws and performs the officer's tasks with the utmost
13 professionalism; to that end, the association offers frequent
14 training programs and an annual training conference; and

15 WHEREAS, The first training conference took place in 1878,
16 and today these events represent the largest composite gathering of
17 law enforcement officers in Texas; the annual conference is
18 attended by the state's 254 county sheriffs as well as by local,
19 state, and federal peace officers and major industry security
20 personnel; and

21 WHEREAS, Sheriffs in Texas are elected to four-year terms and
22 are charged with conserving the peace, enforcing the criminal laws
23 of the state, and overseeing the county jail; these dedicated
24 public servants are also responsible for bail bonds, civil process,

1 courtroom security, and even collecting taxes in some smaller
2 counties; while helping its members strive for excellence in the
3 performance of these duties, the Sheriffs' Association of Texas
4 also encourages eligible students and Texas peace officers to
5 further their higher education through the awarding of scholarships
6 to deserving recipients who are interested in pursuing an academic
7 degree; and

8 WHEREAS, Performing the duties of county sheriff requires
9 knowledge of the law, administrative skill, integrity, and
10 dedication, and the men and women who accept the responsibilities
11 of this office contribute immeasurably to the safety of their
12 fellow citizens and to the peace and order of our society; now,
13 therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas
15 hereby welcome the visiting members of the Sheriffs' Association of
16 Texas to the State Capitol and commend them for their dedication to
17 protecting and serving the citizens of Texas; and, be it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
19 prepared for the Sheriffs' Association of Texas as an expression of
20 high regard by the Texas House of Representatives and Senate.

Craddick

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 46 was adopted by the House on February 12, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 46 was adopted by the Senate on February 12, 2003, by a viva-voce vote.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor