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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends of Leroy Mouser, former deputy
2 chief of the Houston Police Department and chief of the Pasadena
3 Police Department, were deeply saddened by the passing of this
4 esteemed retired officer on April 15, 2003, at the age of 78; and

5 WHEREAS, A Houston native born on March 25, 1925, Chief
6 Mouser graduated from Jefferson Davis High School in 1942; then, he
7 joined the U.S. Marine Corps and proudly served in the Philippines
8 and on Okinawa; in 1953, he earned a bachelor's degree in police
9 administration from the University of Houston; and

10 WHEREAS, The remarkable life of Chief Mouser encapsulated his
11 own version of the American dream; through hard work and
12 determination, he rose up from being a shoe shine boy to become a
13 police chief, demonstrating the highest ideals of integrity and
14 self-determination; and

15 WHEREAS, At the age of 9, he shined shoes at the old Houston
16 police station to help support his family during the hard times of
17 the 1930s; in 1941, he joined the Houston Police Department as a
18 messenger boy; after his military service, Chief Mouser rejoined
19 the Houston Police Department as a motorcycle officer, and later
20 served in the police training school and in the radio patrol,
21 juvenile, and traffic divisions; named inspector in 1968, he was
22 promoted to deputy chief in the 1970s; and

23 WHEREAS, Chief Mouser retired from the Houston Police
24 Department in 1976 after 35 years of service; that same year, he

1 became chief of the Pasadena Police Department and served in that
2 capacity until 1979; and

3 WHEREAS, Active in professional and civic organizations,
4 Chief Mouser made numerous contributions as president of the
5 Houston Police Federal Credit Union and member of the Houston
6 Police Burial Fund; he belonged to VFW Post 6010 and participated in
7 the Boy Scouts of America, receiving the Silver Beaver Award; he
8 also attended Park Place Lutheran Church in Houston for many years
9 and received the Lutheran Church Lamb Award; and

10 WHEREAS, A devoted family man, Chief Mouser met his wife of 55
11 years while working at the Houston Police Department, where she was
12 employed as a filing clerk; they were married in 1947, and their
13 special union was blessed with three sons; and

14 WHEREAS, Leroy Mouser strove tirelessly to protect and serve
15 the people of the Houston area, and his spirit will not soon be
16 forgotten; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
18 Legislature hereby pay special tribute to the life of Chief Leroy
19 Mouser and extend deepest sympathy to the members of his family: to
20 his beloved wife, Irene Alice Mouser; to his son Michael Roy Mouser
21 and his wife, Janet; to his son, William Carl "Billy" Mouser and his
22 wife, Bobbi; to his son Larry Wayne Mouser and his wife, Mandy; to
23 his grandchildren, Steven, Brian, Brett, Blake, Joshua, and Katelyn
24 Mouser; and to his other relatives and many friends; and, be it
25 further

26 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
27 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of

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1 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Leroy
2 Mouser.