

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Sergeant Joe A. DeCorte has worked to safeguard his
2 fellow citizens for more than three decades, and his retirement
3 from the Dallas Police Department on February 7, 2006, has brought
4 to a close a notable career in public service; and

5 WHEREAS, A native of Dallas, Joe DeCorte graduated from
6 Bishop Dunne High School with the Class of 1966; he joined the
7 United States Marine Corps the following year and saw duty in
8 Vietnam before completing his term of enlistment in 1969; and

9 WHEREAS, Sergeant DeCorte is an alumnus of the University of
10 North Texas, where he earned a bachelor's degree in finance in 1972;
11 he went on to pursue graduate studies at Abilene Christian
12 University, and in 1975 he was awarded a master's degree in career
13 development from that institution; and

14 WHEREAS, This esteemed lawman began his career with the
15 Dallas Police Department in 1972 and was assigned initially to the
16 Southwest Patrol Division, where he worked as a patrol officer,
17 field training officer, and member of the deployment unit; promoted
18 to sergeant in 1978 and reassigned to the Central Division, he
19 served as a patrol supervisor and later as an investigative unit
20 supervisor; he next transferred to the Crimes Against Persons
21 Division, heading the robbery, homicide, and homicide special
22 investigations units before accepting an appointment as
23 administrative sergeant in the Homeland Security and Special
24 Operations Division in 2005; and

25 WHEREAS, Sergeant DeCorte holds a master police officer

1 certificate, as well as awards for marksmanship, safe driving, and
2 20 years of perfect attendance; justly recognized for his
3 unwavering dedication throughout his exceptional career in law
4 enforcement, he has received 62 commendations, four certificates of
5 merit, and two life-saving bars; and

6 WHEREAS, When off duty, he has shared his time and talents
7 with his colleagues in the Dallas Police Association, handling the
8 duties of CAPERS director from 2001 to 2003 and first vice president
9 from 2003 to 2006; and

10 WHEREAS, Sergeant DeCorte married Kathy Emmett in 1970, and
11 the couple take great pride in their two daughters, Jennifer and
12 Angela, and three grandchildren, Kellan, Kindal, and Natalie; and

13 WHEREAS, Over the course of his exemplary tenure on the
14 force, Sergeant DeCorte has compiled a record of meritorious
15 service, loyalty, personal bravery, and self-sacrifice consistent
16 with the highest ideals of the law enforcement profession, and it is
17 most appropriate that he be honored for an outstanding career in
18 public service; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
20 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, heartily commend Joe A. DeCorte
21 for his steadfast devotion to the public welfare and extend to him
22 sincere best wishes for a happy and rewarding retirement; and, be it
23 further

24 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
25 prepared for Sergeant DeCorte as an expression of high regard by the
26 Texas House of Representatives.

Goolsby

H.R. No. 28

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 28 was adopted by the House on April 27, 2006, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House