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H.R. No. 28

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

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

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

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

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

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

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