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H.C.R. No. 224

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, In May 2005, Eddie Almond is retiring as director of  
2 the Regional Controlled Substance Apprehension Program Drug Task  
3 Force, drawing to a close an outstanding 38-year career in law  
4 enforcement; and

5 WHEREAS, After serving in the U.S. Air Force, Mr. Almond  
6 joined the Lubbock Police Department in 1965, and two years later he  
7 became a highway patrol officer; while assigned to the Sulphur  
8 Springs area, Mr. Almond took advantage of the GI Bill to study at  
9 what is now Texas A&M University--Commerce, where he earned a  
10 degree in criminal justice; and

11 WHEREAS, In 1975, Mr. Almond became one of the youngest men in  
12 an 84-member Texas Ranger team, launching a distinguished tenure  
13 with the Texas Ranger Service that included his participation in  
14 the investigation following the 1993 Branch Davidian raid near  
15 Waco; he retired in 1994 to become deputy sheriff in Lamar County,  
16 and the following year he was named commander of the regional drug  
17 task force; and

18 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Almond enjoys the love and  
19 support of his beloved wife, Linda, with whom he has shared 38 years  
20 of marriage; retirement will undoubtedly afford him the opportunity  
21 to spend more time with his family as well as to indulge in his  
22 favorite leisure activities; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Almond has served the law enforcement profession  
24 with integrity and dedication, consistently demonstrating a

1 willingness to work all hours of the day and take on arduous tasks  
2 to accomplish his mission; he has earned the lasting respect of all  
3 who have worked with him, and it is appropriate to take this  
4 opportunity to honor him; now, therefore, be it

5         RESOLVED, That the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas  
6 hereby congratulate Eddie Almond on his retirement as director of  
7 the Regional Controlled Substance Apprehension Program Drug Task  
8 Force in Lamar County, commend him on 38 years of outstanding  
9 service in law enforcement, and extend to him best wishes for  
10 happiness in all his future endeavors; and, be it further

11         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
12 prepared for Mr. Almond as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
13 House of Representatives and Senate.