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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Sheriff Terry Box is marking his 20th anniversary as
2 Collin County's chief law enforcement officer in 2005, and he
3 indeed merits special legislative recognition for his exemplary
4 tenure; and

5 WHEREAS, Born in McKinney, Sheriff Box has served his native
6 county as a peace officer for 37 years, starting with the McKinney
7 Police Department in 1968 and moving to the Plano Police Department
8 in 1971; he joined the Collin County Sheriff's Office in 1981 as a
9 lieutenant, earned a promotion to chief deputy two years later, and
10 was appointed sheriff in 1985; and

11 WHEREAS, Over the course of the next two decades, this highly
12 regarded lawman handily won six successive elections and today, he
13 operates a state-of-the-art, 794-bed direct supervision facility
14 with a 192-bed capacity minimum security section; and

15 WHEREAS, Sheriff Box attended Grayson Junior College and
16 Abilene Christian College and holds a master peace officer
17 certificate from the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer
18 Standards and Education; he has completed more than 4,000 hours of
19 law enforcement training and was one of only 40 sheriffs nationwide
20 invited to attend the FBI's National Sheriff's Academy in Quantico,
21 Virginia, in 1985, graduating as vice president of his class; and

22 WHEREAS, Appointed by Governor George W. Bush to the Texas
23 Commission on Jail Standards in 1997, he served as chairman of the
24 commission from 2000 to 2003; he has been a member of the Sheriffs'

1 Association of Texas for 24 years, serving as its president in
2 2001-2002, and his current list of memberships includes the
3 National Sheriffs' Association, the American Jail Association, the
4 Texas Jail Association, the McKinney and Plano chambers of
5 commerce, and the advisory board of the Collin County Children's
6 Advocacy Center; and

7 WHEREAS, Texans are indebted to this exceptional peace
8 officer for his courage, integrity, and selfless dedication to the
9 public welfare, and it is a distinct pleasure to join in honoring
10 him for his exceptional service in behalf of the residents of Collin
11 County; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
13 Legislature hereby congratulate Terry Box on his 20th anniversary
14 as Sheriff of Collin County, and extend to him sincere best wishes
15 for continued success and good fortune; and, be it further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
17 prepared for Sheriff Box as an expression of high regard by the
18 Texas House of Representatives.