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H.R. No. 2126

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, For three decades, Alvin Shaw of Austin has worked
2 to safeguard the lives and property of his fellow Texans through his
3 commitment to public service; and

4 WHEREAS, This esteemed professional entered the Austin
5 Police Department as a cadet in 1975 and subsequently served in
6 various assignments, including patrol, jail and field operations,
7 training, juvenile services, and narcotics; he steadily rose
8 through the ranks, and when he was promoted to lieutenant he became
9 the first African American to command the Robbery/Homicide division
10 as well as the Greater Austin Area Organized Crime Control Unit; and

11 WHEREAS, In 1992, Mr. Shaw was selected by the Travis County
12 sheriff to serve as chief deputy and broke yet another racial
13 barrier as the first African American to serve in that capacity; in
14 this pivotal role, he supervised the department's 1,200 corrections
15 and law enforcement personnel and was instrumental in establishing
16 joint operations between the sheriff's office and the Austin Police
17 Department and expanding services to crime victims; and

18 WHEREAS, Five years later, Mr. Shaw was appointed by Governor
19 George W. Bush to the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles, the
20 government agency that determines which eligible inmates may be
21 released on parole, the conditions of parole, and the rules
22 relating to the decision-making processes used by the board and
23 parole panels; during his tenure, Mr. Shaw was selected to serve as
24 one of that entity's policy-makers, and in 2004, he was appointed as

1 a commissioner of the board, which he continues to serve with
2 invaluable leadership and insight; and

3 WHEREAS, Alvin Shaw has dedicated his career to the
4 betterment of the criminal justice and law enforcement systems in
5 Texas, and his efforts have greatly benefited the citizens of this
6 state and earned him the lasting respect and admiration of his
7 peers; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
9 Legislature hereby commend Alvin Shaw for his 30 years of service to
10 the residents of the Lone Star State and extend to him sincere best
11 wishes for the future; and, be it further

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