H.R. No. 2301

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Ron Hickman, the constable of Precinct 4 in Harris
County, achieved a long-held goal when he graduated from the
University of Alabama on May 7, 2005; and

WHEREAS, Growing up in a small rural town, Mr. Hickman did 4 5 what many young men in his circumstances did after high school graduation and got a job; starting as a cadet with the Houston 6 Police Department in 1971, he was assigned to the Accident 7 Investigation Division and Radio Patrol Bureau for four years each; 8 after obtaining the training to become a search and recovery diver 9 on the department's Dive Team, he served as a dive master and 10 coordinator for nearly 10 years and was also a member of the HPD 11 12 Bomb Squad; he later worked in the department's Planning and 13 Research Division, where he had his first experience with building 14 computer programs; and

WHEREAS, In 1983, Mr. Hickman began his tenure with the 15 Precinct 4 Constable's Office as a patrol deputy, working on the 16 street for 18 months before being promoted to sergeant over the 17 communications office; a member of the development team for the 18 county's first attempt at a consolidated computer-assisted 19 dispatching system, he provided crucial input for building a system 20 21 that would support a strong cooperative environment among the 22 county's law enforcement agencies; the system he helped to create 23 has been in place for 15 years; and

24

WHEREAS, With his graduation from the Bill Blackwood Law

1

Enforcement Management Institute at Sam Houston State University in 1995, Constable Hickman was invited to return as an instructor of information technology, and for the next five years, he shared his technical expertise with officers from across the state; and

H.R. No. 2301

5 WHEREAS, He was elected to his current post as constable of 6 Precinct 4 in November 2000 and began his second term in office in 7 January 2005; emphasizing the use of technology and progressive 8 policing practices, Constable Hickman has built a strong 9 relationship with community leaders and has been an avid supporter 10 of enhancing professionalism through training and advancing 11 educational opportunities for police officers; and

12 WHEREAS, Pursuing his own education, he enrolled at Houston 13 Community College, where he studied for two years before 14 transferring to the University of Alabama's external degree program 15 in human services; and

WHEREAS, In addition to fulfilling the duties of his office, 16 17 Constable Hickman has provided leadership to numerous civic organizations, including the Tomball Hospital board, the Greater 18 19 Houston Regional Computer Forensic Lab executive board, the Polaris District Boy Scouts, and the County Information Resource Agency, to 20 21 name but a few; he also finds time for regular meetings with his "lunch bunch," which consists of Commissioner Jerry Eversole, 22 Justice of the Peace J. Kent Adams, and State Representative Peggy 23 24 Hamric, who are especially proud of this most recent 25 accomplishment; throughout all his endeavors, Constable Hickman 26 has benefited from the love and support of his wife, Karla, and 27 their three children; and

2

H.R. No. 2301

1 WHEREAS, Although this esteemed professional had clearly 2 already attained a successful and rewarding career, he maintained a 3 tenacious desire for a college diploma, and his drive and 4 determination in achieving that goal is truly an inspiration to 5 Texans of all ages; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas 7 Legislature hereby congratulate Harris County Precinct 4 Constable 8 Ron Hickman on his May 2005 graduation with honors from the 9 University of Alabama and extend to him sincere best wishes for 10 continued achievement; and, be it further

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

> Hamric Riddle

Craddick Allen of Harris Allen of Dallas Alonzo Anchia Anderson Bailey Baxter Berman Blake Bohac Bonnen Branch Brown of Kaufman Brown of Brazos Burnam Callegari Campbell Casteel Castro Chavez Chisum Coleman Cook of Navarro Cook of Colorado Corte Crabb Crownover Davis of Harris Davis of Dallas Dawson Delisi Denny Deshotel Driver Dukes Dunnam Dutton Edwards Eiland Eissler Elkins Escobar Farabee Farrar Flores Flynn Frost Gallego Gattis

Geren Giddings Gonzales Gonzalez Toureilles Goodman Goolsby Griggs Grusendorf Guillen Haggerty Hamilton Hamric Hardcastle Harper-Brown Hartnett Hegar Herrero Hilderbran Hill Hochberg Hodge Homer Норе Hopson Howard Hughes Hunter Hupp Isett Jackson Jones of Lubbock Jones of Dallas Keel Keffer of Dallas Keffer of Eastland King of Parker King of Zavala Kolkhorst Krusee Kuempel Laney Laubenberg Leibowitz Luna Madden Martinez Martinez Fischer McCall McClendon McReynolds

Merritt Miller Moreno of Harris Moreno of El Paso Morrison Mowery Naishtat Nixon Noriega Oliveira Olivo Orr Otto Paxton Pena Phillips Pickett Pitts Puente Quintanilla Raymond Reyna Riddle Ritter Rodriguez Rose Seaman Smith of Tarrant Smith of Harris Smithee Solis Solomons Strama Straus Swinford Talton Taylor Thompson Truitt Turner Uresti Van Arsdale Veasey Villarreal Vo West Wong Woolley Zedler

Menendez

H.R. No. 2301

H.R. No. 2301

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2301 was adopted by the House on May 30, 2005, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House