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H.R. No. 2301

R E S O L U T I O N

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

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

15 WHEREAS, In 1983, Mr. Hickman began his tenure with the
16 Precinct 4 Constable's Office as a patrol deputy, working on the
17 street for 18 months before being promoted to sergeant over the
18 communications office; a member of the development team for the
19 county's first attempt at a consolidated computer-assisted
20 dispatching system, he provided crucial input for building a system
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
2 1995, Constable Hickman was invited to return as an instructor of
3 information technology, and for the next five years, he shared his
4 technical expertise with officers from across the state; and

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

16 WHEREAS, In addition to fulfilling the duties of his office,
17 Constable Hickman has provided leadership to numerous civic
18 organizations, including the Tomball Hospital board, the Greater
19 Houston Regional Computer Forensic Lab executive board, the Polaris
20 District Boy Scouts, and the County Information Resource Agency, to
21 name but a few; he also finds time for regular meetings with his
22 "lunch bunch," which consists of Commissioner Jerry Eversole,
23 Justice of the Peace J. Kent Adams, and State Representative Peggy
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

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.