

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 644**

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to join the Rotary Club of Pasadena and the City of Pasadena in paying tribute to Constable Bill Bailey on April 29, 2005, which has been named Bill Bailey Day in Pasadena; and

**WHEREAS**, Certain individuals in the community often bear the most responsibility; Bill Bailey is one such person; and

**WHEREAS**, Born Milton Odom Stanley into an enthusiastic and politically active family, he grew up in Galena Park and made his first political speech at the age of 13; and

**WHEREAS**, Weathering the trauma of his family's relocation to Temple, Milton and his gift of gab soon found a niche in the broadcasting industry when a school speech project led to a position on the morning rural round up show on KTEM radio and the beginning of a career as a radio star; and

**WHEREAS**, After a brief detour to Des Moines and Peoria, the young radio personality returned to his beloved Texas without a job; and

**WHEREAS**, Radio station KTHT had been actively promoting their newest radio personality, Bill Bailey, but he reneged on the contract after a few weeks; providentially, Milton Stanley applied for a job and Bill Bailey's job was offered to him if he was willing to change his name; he did and he was soon widely known as Bill Bailey; and

**WHEREAS**, Bill was lured to KIKK two years later and began his rapid ascent to radio stardom; he was named the Number One Country Music Broadcaster in a Major Market and Program Director of the Year by *Billboard* magazine; and

**WHEREAS**, After retiring from broadcasting, he was elected constable for Harris County Precinct 8 in 1982; he inherited a 17-member department that was focused on serving civil papers, dealing with landlord-tenant disputes, and patrolling the streets of the eastern Harris County industrial communities of Pasadena, Deer Park, and La Porte; and

**WHEREAS**, Demanding high professional standards of his staff, Bill built his department to over 75 employees who are highly respected in the community; he counts among his many achievements initiating a program to guard the families and homes of astronauts while they are in space; and

**WHEREAS**, Whether he is emceeding at a Rotary luncheon, announcing at the Texas Prison Rodeo, presiding over the Justices of the Peace and Constables Association, or volunteering with the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, Bill Bailey has inspired those around him with his enthusiasm, his integrity, and his initiative; his example of hard work and dedication has earned him the respect of all who know him; now, therefore, be it

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**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, hereby commend Constable Bill Bailey for his many professional and civic accomplishments and honor him on the special occasion of Bill Bailey Day in Pasadena; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 19, 2005.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate